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FOREWORD

"Education is a debt due from the present to future generations." — Peabody

Today we of the Class of 1953 are at a crossroad, a crossroad where we must not stride blindly ahead, but where we must pause and look humbly backward and recognize that the past has prepared us for the future. This is the last year that a class will be graduated from the building which we know as Reading High School. Next year the graduates will leave through the wide, modern doors of a new R. H. S., the culmination of many years of dreaming and planning. The memories of the happy and profitable years which we and the classes before us have spent at Reading High serve to remind us that we high-school students have a debt to pay in later years. We owe it to future generations to see that educational opportunities and facilities for young people continue to expand as they have in the past, in keeping with the American tradition and ideal.

We, the Class of 1953, wish through the pages of our PIONEER to glance back briefly over the early years of high-school education in Reading, and to record in detail our last year of high school — the climax of three very full years for us, and of forty-seven years for the building which we shall remember as R. H. S.

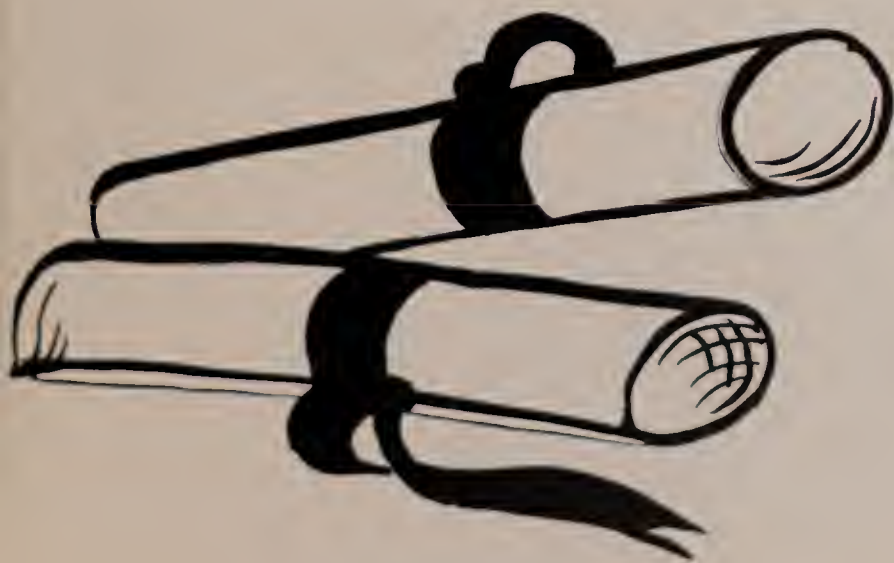


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JANE DEBRIGARD

THE PAST

A student entering Reading High many years ago found a far different place from the R. H. S. of today. Outside, the building is much the same, but on the inside many changes have occurred — not only because of rather crowded conditions and the ravages of time. The pupil of yesterday followed a less flexible program of studies, enjoyed a different variety of activities, and had fewer classmates and teachers. On the next few pages, trace briefly with us the story of the beginnings of the Reading School System and of the infant days of the present R. H. S.

"STUDY THE PAST IF YOU WOULD DIVINE THE FUTURE"



Our schools of today are built on the experience of yesterday. The first record of a school in Reading dates back to 1693, when the town voted that a "free school" be kept. The sum of four pounds was allotted for a three-months' school. The first school master appointed was Nicholas Lynde, who had been graduated from Harvard in 1690. Eighteen years later, in 1708, the first schoolhouse was built. This small one-room building was located at the corner of the present Washington and Woburn Streets. The school master, Mr. John Webb, was paid thirty pounds a year to teach reading, writing, Latin, and Greek. In 1793 came the first appointment of a School Committee to

care for all school business. It was not until 1856 that a high school came into being, when the Center School District of Reading purchased a building called Union Hall and rented it to the town for use as a high school. The first class, consisting of four members, Frederic Bancroft, Esther Emerson, S. Maria Parker, and Lena A. Wakefield — all possessors of old Reading names — was graduated in 1863. It was very soon evident that a new building was needed, and in 1867 Reading dedicated as a high school the building which is now known as the Center School, located beside the Methodist Church, near the Common.

Seven years before the turn of the century, in 1893, Reading appointed a Superintendent of Schools, who was to devote two-fifths of his time to Reading and three-fifths to Wakefield. As the town grew, the number of high-school pupils increased until, at the beginning of the twentieth century, the town had outgrown the facilities of the Center School, then operating on a two-platoon system. As a result, on March 7, 1904, the town meeting voted to buy land between Sanborn and Linden Streets for \$8,000. Slightly less than a year later, \$1,500 was voted for plans, and on June 28, 1905, came the major appropriation of \$85,000 for the building itself. Ground was broken in August of 1905, and the first brick was laid two months later. On November 13, 1905, a metallic box containing the school reports, the course of study, a list of pupils and teachers, and pictures of Reading was laid in the foundation with great ceremony.

The construction of the sixty-eight foot by one hundred fifty-seven foot building of Georgian design progressed rapidly, and on September 15, 1906, an open-house was held. An unexpectedly large crowd of between fifteen hundred to two thousand townspeople came to inspect this new, modern school, which fortunately was large enough to accommodate approximately two hundred more than the two hundred eighty pupils enrolled. Two days later the school opened its classroom doors to pupils for the first time.

Typical of the many comments made was that written by Dr. A. E. Winship, editor of the *Journal of Education*.

"The new High School house is one of the best, and one of the best equipped and appointed in the state. Indeed, I know of none better for the size and wealth of the Town in the country. The money has gone for the latest and best for school purposes, rather than for ornamentation. It is as valuable for its purposes as some High School buildings that have cost \$50,000 more."

When the present high school opened, most students followed an academic program of studies. However, the new school contained both a typewriting room and a commercial room, providing improved facilities for instruction in typewriting and stenography, both of which had been introduced into the curriculum just before the turn of the century. In the same year that the

Commercial Course was opened, the principal of the high school recommended to the School Committee "a further modifying of our courses so as to offer a wider range of choice to differing tastes and capacities." It is evident from this recommendation that as the number of pupils attending high school increased, the more diversified were the pupils' interests and abilities. Within two years the principal's suggestion had been followed, and students enrolled in the General Course had several electives from which to choose.

In the 1910 School Committee Report, the group recommended a Domestic Science Course for girls, and the Superintendent recommended that the girls be included in the physical training program. In 1917, the Shop Course was finally inaugurated, and the classes were held in the room which now serves as the boys' lunchroom. In the early 1920's it became necessary to remove the Shop classes to the Highland School, where they remained until the Parker Junior High was built in the late 1920's. The beginning of the present Home Economics Course came into being with the opening of the junior high, and since then many girls have made the daily journey to their classes.

Extracurricular activities were a part of the school from the beginning and gradually increased in number. Language clubs, debating teams, musical organizations, school publications, dramatic groups, in addition to sports, helped to round out student life.

It is evident that the present Reading High School has seen many changes during its forty-seven years of existence, a period marked by two world wars and the beginning of the Atomic Age. Only time can tell what changes the new school will see during its years as the center of high-school learning in Reading.

When the construction of the latest Reading High School has been completed, the 1953 School Committee might well echo the sentiments of the School Committee of 1906, which included in its report to the Town the following words:

"Our present new High School building, with its splendid equipment and picturesque situation, is but another expression of the Town's devotion to the cause of education. Education, considered in its broadest and best sense, is of the highest importance to all — an education that appeals to the heart and soul, the mind and intellect, and the physical nature, leading to good health of body, mind and soul . . .

"We would in this connection suggest that in order to make the most possible use of our new building with its modern appliances, we must not forget that building, apparatus, books, and even excellent teachers in addition, cannot make a good school; this can exist only when and where the pupils are willing to do the necessary amount of hard work. In fact, it is but a truism to assert that nothing worth while can be accomplished, nothing of enduring good to the individual can come except by struggle and perseverance, self-denial and sacrifice. A perfect character, which is the end of all life, must be attained by persistent effort of heart, mind and body.

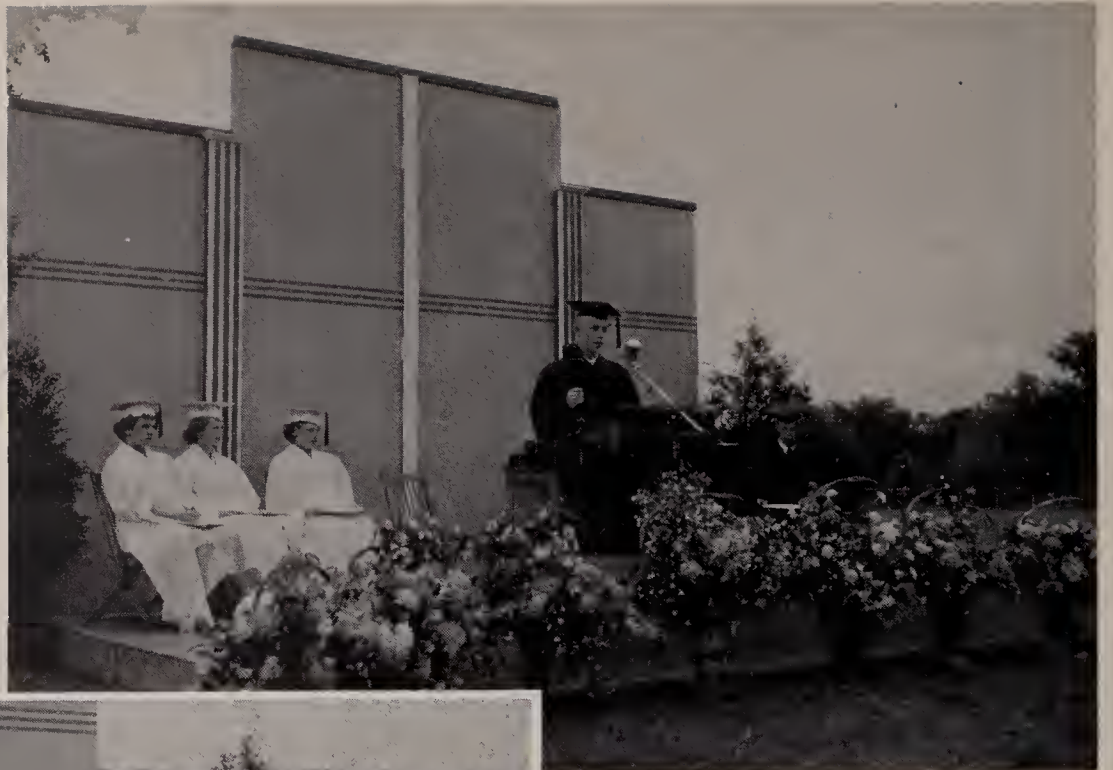
"We earnestly desire to make our schools better and better, more efficient in building stronger boys and girls, possessing keener minds, healthier bodies and higher moral characters. While we firmly believe that our children will compare favorably with those in other places in like conditions, yet we cannot state our desire too strongly for better results and a higher development.

"We, therefore, solicit the hearty cooperation of all parents to the end that the educational training which the pupils receive at our hands will not result in disappointment and failure, but will show its fruitage in a life of never-ending usefulness and efficiency."





Carolyn Donley delivers an essay on "Driver Education" during commencement exercises for the Class of 1952.



John McNabola, President of '52, prepares to present the torch, symbol of R. H. S. traditions and ideals, to the President of the Class of 1953.



Mr. Sussmann presents diplomas to the twins, Ronald and Donald Michelini.



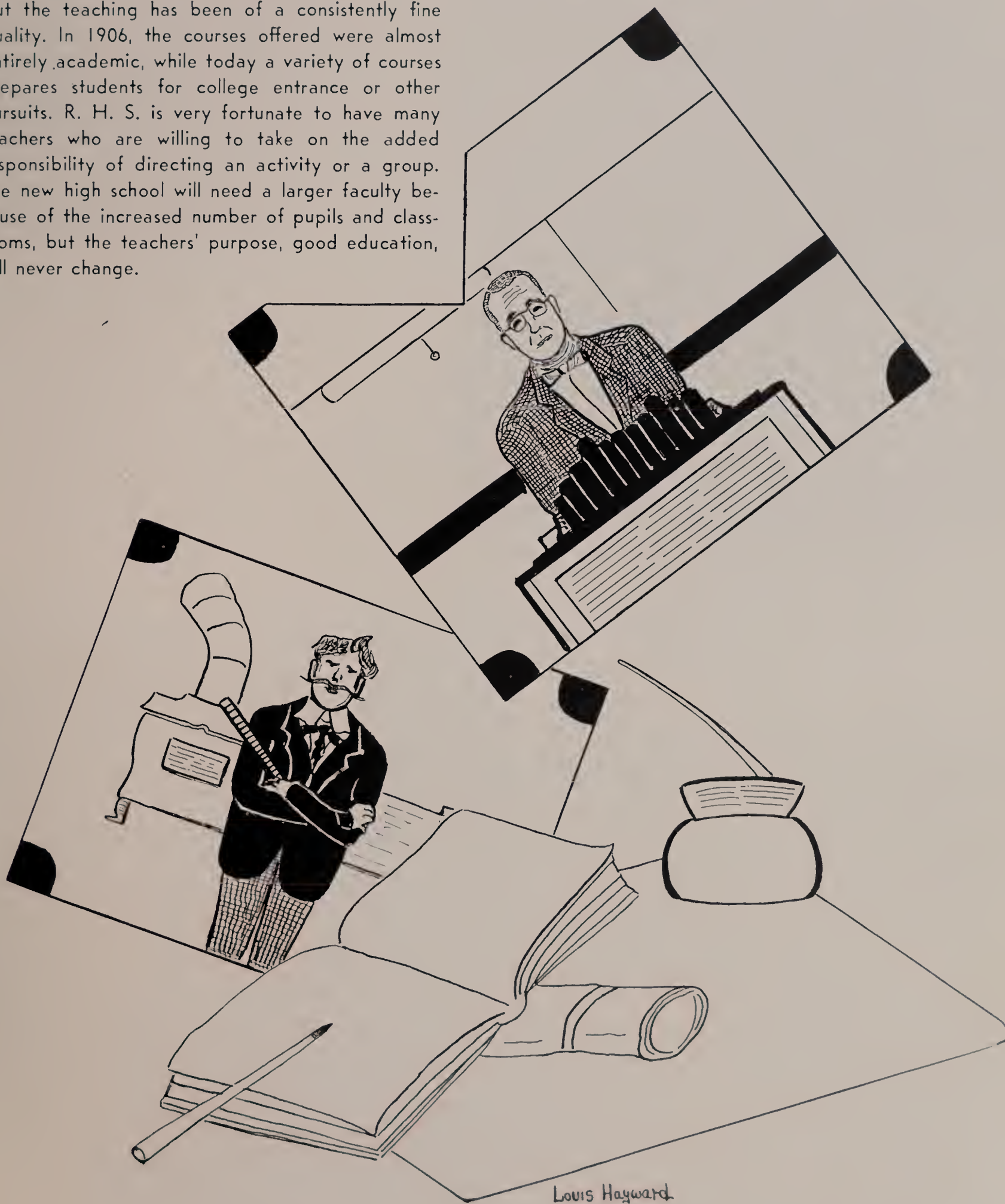
The new graduates scan their programs.



Richards Burhoe, 1953 President, accepts the torch for his class.

FACULTY AND CLASSES

A school is only as good as the instructors and classes within its walls. Here at Reading High School many subjects have changed since 1906, but the teaching has been of a consistently fine quality. In 1906, the courses offered were almost entirely academic, while today a variety of courses prepares students for college entrance or other pursuits. R. H. S. is very fortunate to have many teachers who are willing to take on the added responsibility of directing an activity or a group. The new high school will need a larger faculty because of the increased number of pupils and classrooms, but the teachers' purpose, good education, will never change.

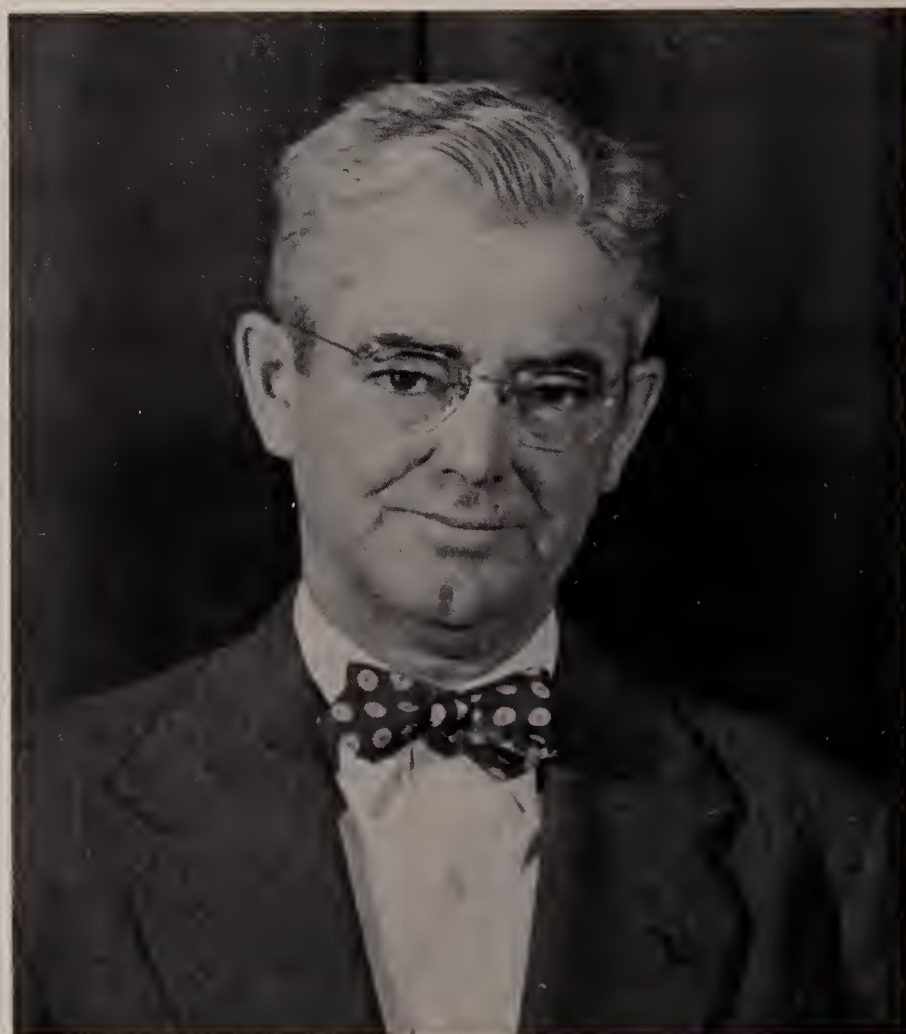


Louis Hayward



MR. RUDOLF SUSSMANN

Always with the students' welfare in mind, Mr. Sussmann, our Principal, supervises the school efficiently. Sincerely interested in each one of us, he emphasizes the importance of an excellent education and a sound character.



MR. LUKE HALPIN

Because of serious illness, Mr. Halpin has not been with us during the greater part of this year. All of us have missed the friendly, capable man who is Assistant Principal and Head of the Guidance Department.



Mr. J. F. Fitzgerald, Mr. L. Halpin, Mr. C. W. Baker.

MATHEMATICS



"Trig" fascinated the advanced math students.



Making a test for sugar holds the attention of a Biology A class.

SCIENCE



Seated: Miss H. R. Zimmermann. Standing: Mr. J. M. Aldrich, Mr. F. J. Pupa, Mr. P. A. Wogan.

ENGLISH



Seated: Mrs. J. R. Cutcliffe, Miss M. E. Shay, Miss E. A. Batchelder. Standing: Miss V. Cox, Miss A. L. Archambault.

"True ease in writing comes from art, not chance . . ."



French has its amusing moments.



Mr. E. W. Roewer, Mrs. M. B. Wadsworth, Mr. A. L. Spencer.

LANGUAGE



Mr. R. Bronner, Mr. W. E. Hanlon, Mr. A. C. Bennett.

HISTORY



U. S. History is doubly interesting during an election year.



Hard work makes capable typists.

COMMERCIAL



Miss S. W. King, Miss A. F. Drury, Mrs. A. H. Franzen



Mr. H. W. Wegiel, Miss E. I. Bishop, Miss G. F. Roy, Mr. J. D. Oliver.

MUSIC, LIBRARY, ART



Melodious voices blend in song at Chorus rehearsal.



Mr. J. A. Crowley, Miss F. G. Nichols, Mr. V. Archambault.

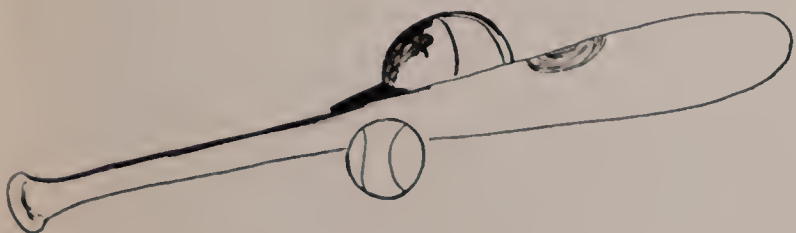
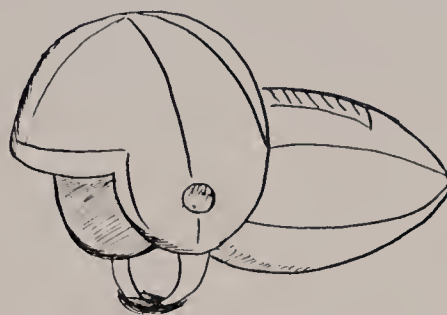
ATHLETICS



Everyone at R. H. S. enjoys the sports.

SPORTS

From the beginning, R. H. S. has maintained a varied program of sports to direct youthful energy into enjoyable and healthful channels. Until fairly recently, the most popular sport at R. H. S. was baseball, but now the spotlight shines on football and all its attendant activities. Winter brings competition in basketball for both boys and girls, while spring calls the athletes outdoors once again for baseball, golf, and track. Gone are the gym bloomers and middy blouse, and the turtle-neck football jersey, but the love of sport and competition remains.



VERA HARVEY



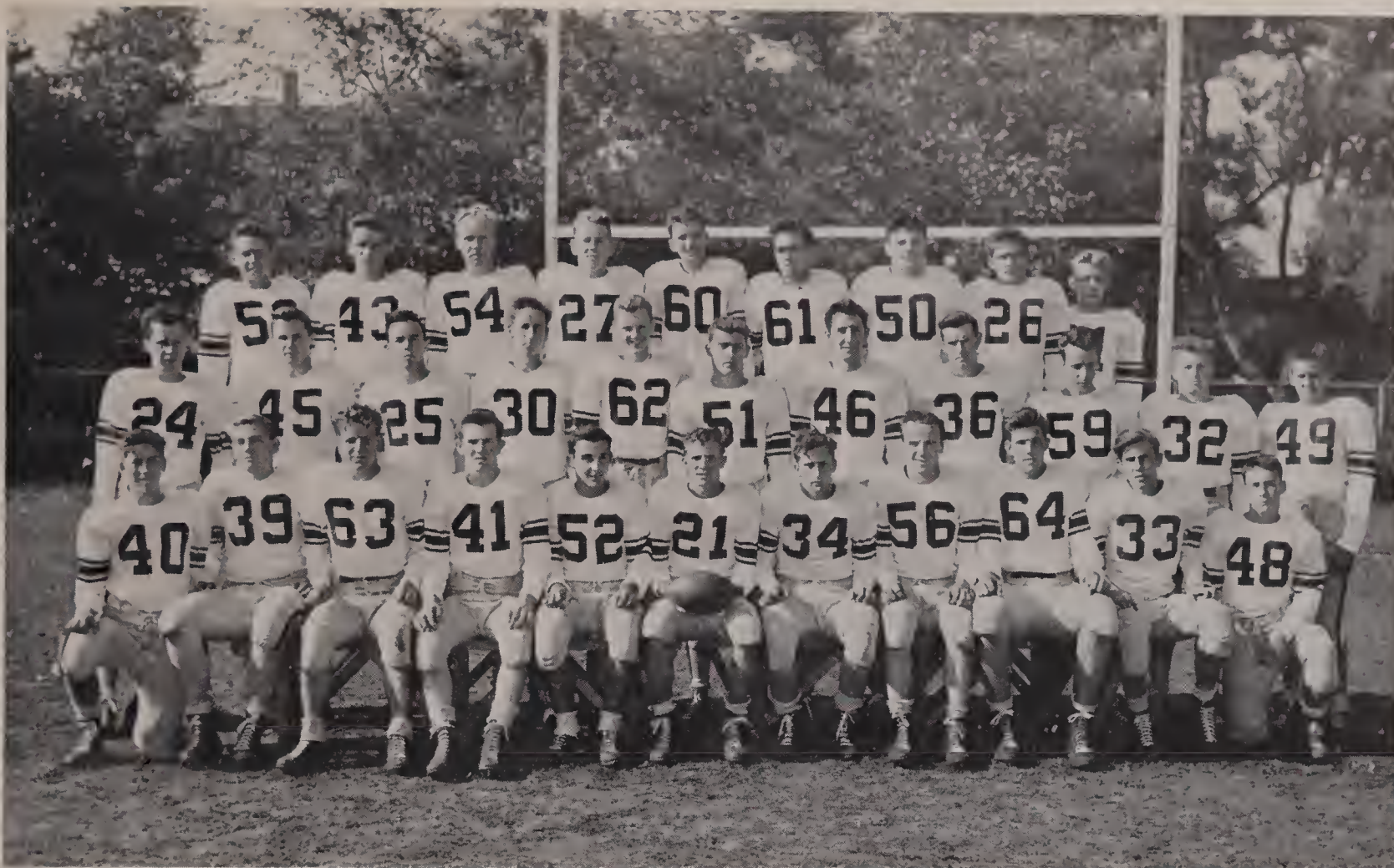
FOOTBALL

Lack of weight was the Rockets' chief obstacle of 1953 as they ended the season with a 3-5 record. Sparked by Albie Runge and outstanding sophomore halfback Tom Murray, the Rockets fought gamely and at one time had even Winchester on the ropes, finally bowing 7-6.

The locals suffered a blow in a pre-season scrimmage when Louis Bacigaiupo fell victim to a severe leg injury, which cost the rugged lineman the loss of that limb. However, due to Louis' flaring spirit and the big hearts of the people in Reading and neighboring towns, Louis is now on the road to recovery.

After a rather dismal first seven games of the season, the Rockets boarded the buses for Stoneham for the annual Turkey Day game. One of the largest crowds in the twenty-year history of the classic was on hand to watch the Rockets win their third game of the season 14-6, with Tom Murray and Jack Hardy making the tallies.

At the Football Frolic and Banquet on December 4, Bill Cutcliffe, a lineman, was elected Rocket Captain for 1953.



ROCKETS OF 1952

First Row: Cutcliffe, Milton, N. Murray, Boyden, Murdock, A. Runge, Hardy, Ouimet, Burhoe, Oram, Doherty. Second Row: R. E. Ellis, J. Runge, Jones, Surdam, Warren, T. Murray, Faulkner, B. Talbot, Ronald Ellis, Smith, J. Talbot. Third Row: Healy, R. D. Ellis, Stanton, Poehler, Fisher, Barron, Edwards, R. Runge, Theriault.



COACHES

Left to right: Assistant Coach Vic Archambault, Head Coach Joe Crowley, Assistant Coach Ed Roewer, Assistant Coach and Faculty Manager Alton Bennett.



Captain Albie Runge gets last-minute instructions from the referee before a vital game.



Tom Murray, wearing one of the new Rocket jerseys, is off for a short gain as Arch Ouimet sets himself for a block.

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| Reading | 7 |
| vs. | |
| Wellesley | 18 |
| Reading | 19 |
| vs. | |
| Swampscott | 0 |
| Reading | 26 |
| vs. | |
| Punchard | 27 |
| Reading | 33 |
| vs. | |
| Woburn | 0 |



Coach Crowley's expression shows the tension of a close game as he sends first-string quarterback Jim Murdock in with a new play.



And the score goes up another notch.

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| Reading | 6 |
| vs. | |
| Winchester | 7 |
| Reading | 14 |
| vs. | |
| Danvers | 27 |
| Reading | 7 |
| vs. | |
| Lexington | 14 |
| Reading | 14 |
| vs. | |
| Stoneham | 6 |



Halfback Jack Hardy gets set to ram opposing tacklers.



"Muff" Murray, Rocket fullback, tries left end for a short gain.



CHEERLEADERS

Left to right: Nancy Cutcliffe, Elaine Doran, Beverly Murphy, Nancy Chamberlain, Eleanor Doherty, Marcia Johnson, Gretchen Vedder, Geraldine Johnson, Frances Rich, Sheila McNabola.

TICKET SELLERS

Seated: Rita Bazso, Joan Butler, Joyce Butler, Nancy Hall, Gayle Falle, Lillis Wellington. Standing: Beverly Hatch, Jean Corindia, Carol Basinger.



PROGRAM GIRLS

Front Row: Vera Harvey, Joan Allen, Lorraine LeBlanc. Second Row: Lois Hulsman, Barbara Record, Patricia Gallant, Janet Ferren, Billie Porter. Third Row: Gudrun Flater, Barbara Crouse, Fane Cowan, Claudia Palmunen, Nancy Carlson.





BATON SQUAD

Front: Janice McCauley, Joanne Oldenbrook. First row: Beverly Snyder, Dianne Robbins, Priscilla Harrison, Mary Jane Crock, Dolores Surette, Marguerite Frasco, Judith Jellison, Merelyn Daniels, Sally Fitzpatrick, Lois Doiron, Jean Robbins. Second Row: Nancy Rodgers, Elizabeth Doherty, Elise Francis, Janet Poore, Glenna Creamer, Dorothy Hall, Mary Green, Janic Boutwell, Lois Bartosch, Coralie Abell. Third Row: Ruth Campbell, Marilyn Brown, Dolores Conti, Muriel Davis, Elna Tarbox, Sally Leighton, Claire Gonzalo.



BAND

Front: Barry Hubbard, Kenneth Woodside, Edward MacLeod, Charles Hill. First Row: Peter Hardy, James Winn, John Bickell, Douglas Barker, John Moore, Gordon Barnes, Bruce Kay, Harry Bowen, Gail Green, Carol Gerrior, Alys Wilson, Marilyn Sheppard, Gordon Tibbetts, David Murphy. Second Row: Janice McCauley, Andrew MacLeod, Richard Schofield, Robert Rodgers, Henry Sheppard, Richard Curtis, Paul Gullam, Frank Venuti, Joseph Butler, Arnold Keene, Lawrence Skinner, William Keefe, Florence Russell, William Forsberg, Nancy Heselton, Frederick Brown, Richard Gray, Edward Donnelly, Edgar Cook, Donald MacLeod, Mr. Wegiel. Fourth Row: Robert Doucette, William Gallagher, Robert Smith, Henry Bolton, Arthur Orben, Eunice Marden, Philip Hodges, David Matthews, William Geary, Robert Noseworthy, Martha Matthews, Willard Tucker, Richard Hodges.



BASKETBALL SQUAD 1952-53

First Row: Thomas Thompkins, Paul Jones, Albert Runge, Jack Hardy, Richards Burhoe, Daniel Matthews, Robert Ellis. Second Row: Everett King, Edouard Lassieur, Donald Hill, Henry Milton, William Talbot, David Johnson, Herbert Scheiner, Coach Hawkes. Third Row: Joseph Talbot, Ronald Ellis, William Cutcliffe, William High, Edwin Healy, William Doherty, Russell Runge.



Dick challenges opponents with his height on a rebound.

BASKETBALL



Dick snares one off the boards with Bob and Paul looking on.



S-t-r-r-e-t-c-h !!



Coach's final instructions before the tap-off and a big grin from Jack.



Moral support from the "Rah-Rah Girls."

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| Reading | 76 | Melrose | 34 |
| Reading | 59 | Lexington | 60 |
| Reading | 52 | Stoneham | 53 |
| Reading | 42 | Winchester | 46 |
| Reading | 61 | Wakefield | 52 |
| Reading | 56 | Concord | 43 |
| Reading | 51 | Belmont | 44 |



Albie drives in with Henry leading the way.



Paul misses a foul, but Captain Jack taps it in.

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| Reading | 73 | Melrose | 63 |
| Reading | 48 | Lexington | 44 |
| Reading | 58 | Stoneham | 42 |
| Reading | 46 | Winchester | 48 |
| Reading | 38 | Wakefield | 25 |
| Reading | 43 | Concord | 54 |
| Reading | 47 | Belmont | 57 |

GIRLS

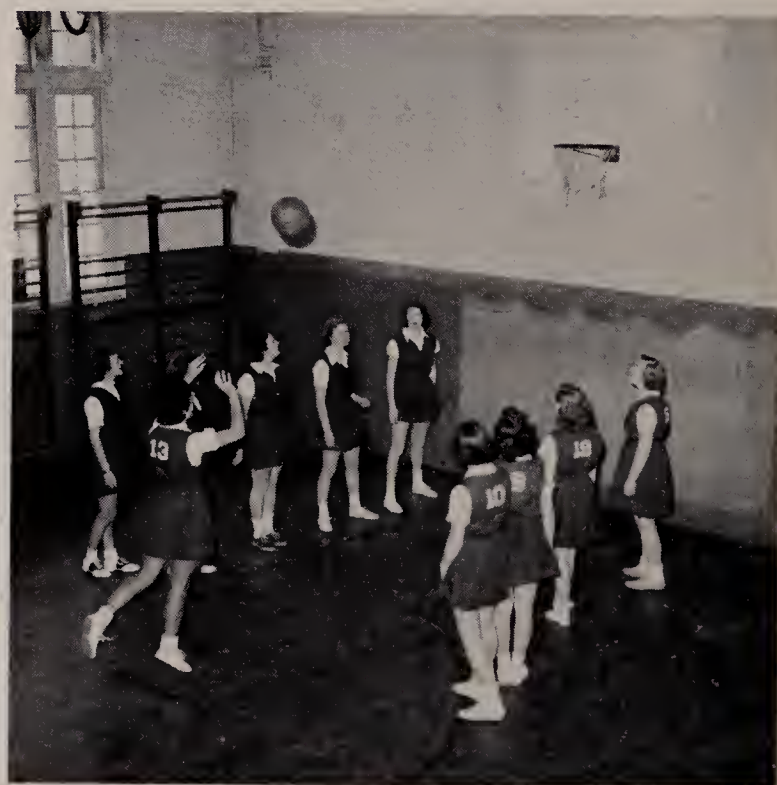


VARSITY

Left to Right: Barbara Long, Janet Ferren, Frances Rich, Dorothy Hall, Nancy Chamberlain, Patience Peale, Marcia Johnson, Judith Miller, Peggy Loud, Beverly Murphy.



Will Janet or "Chambie" get that ball?



A perfect shot by Dorsie.

BASKETBALL



A splendid show of teamwork by the Juniors.



Future stars, the Sophomores: Joan Pantano, Virginia Dolan, Barbara Hoyt, Sandra Taylor, Ann Strout, Ann O'Brien, Carolyn Blanchard, Doris Miller.



Reading clockwise, the Juniors: Janice Olsen, Marilyn Brown, Gudrun Flater, Muriel Davis, Jean Corindia, Janice McCauley, Evelyn Burhoe, Joan Butler, Barbara Richardson, Nancy Hall, Lois D'Entremont, Natalie Zanni.



BASEBALL SQUAD

Front Row: H. Scheiner, D. Ham, R. Wright, N. Murray, A. Milley, A. Runge, B. Starr, R. Johnson, A. Poehler. Second Row: Coach Roewer, R. Gagnon, W. High, J. Talbot, R. Ellis, R. Bayrd, L. Martin, F. Miller, R. Runge, R. Bell, W. Morrison, J. Doherty, Coach Archambault. Third Row: W. MacKinnon, B. Cook, W. Talbot, W. Fisher, L. Meuse, J. Wall, C. Vars, W. Spinney, J. Vedder, M. Andrews, W. Doherty.

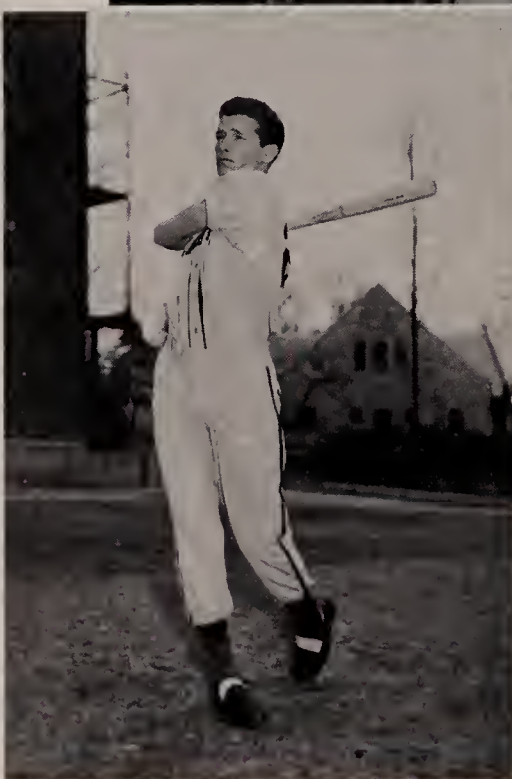


Rockets' "slugging trio": Albie Runge, Al Milley, "Skip" Poehler.



Coaches Archambault and Roewer and Captain Milley consider the outlook for 1953.

Al Milley sharpens up his batting eye.





GOLF TEAM

Clifford Reed, Henry Milton, Leo Connors, Coach Bronner, Jack Hardy, Harold Cogger, Arthur Ouimet.

The 1952 League Champions hope to equal last year's record.



TRACK TEAM

Front Row: Robert Almeida, Bernard Barron, Harold Pike, Coach Crowley, Paul Jones, Richards Burhoe, Thomas Cutler. Back Row: David Murphy, Douglas Gordon, John Miller, Donald Dolben, William Cutcliffe, Edgar Cook, Edouard Lassieur, William Oram.

Mr. Crowley's track team annually hopes to run away with all honors.



Mr. "A" watches a double cutoff in motion.



Jack Fleming dives up and over.



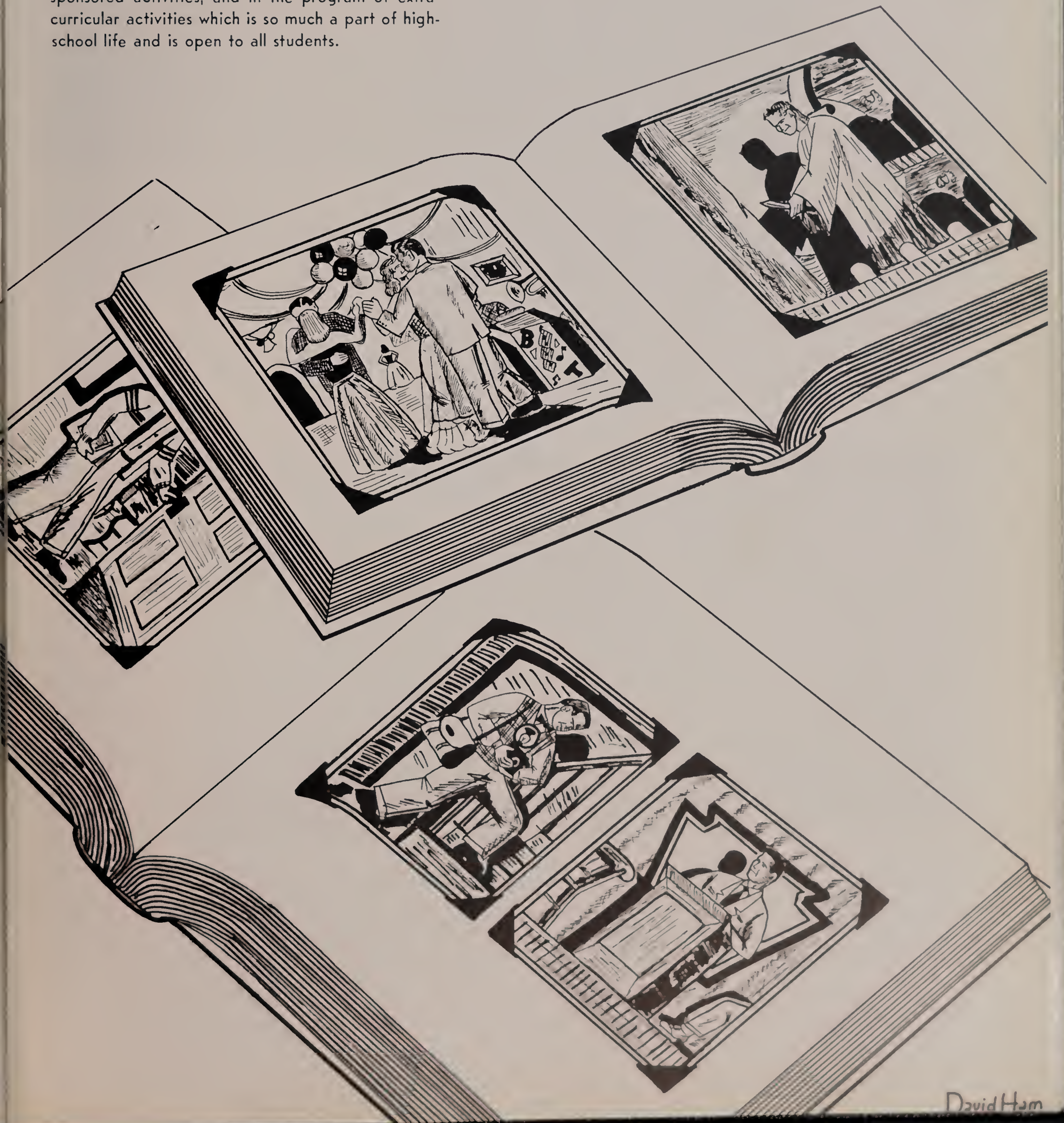
Up the ropes in sixty seconds flat.



"Tarzan" on the rings.

UNDERCLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

Annually a new crop of Sophomores arrives at R. H. S., most of them not so bewildered as tradition would lead one to expect, to take their places beside the Juniors, who are already well established in high school life. Members of the Classes of 1954 and 1955 have been active in sports, in their class-sponsored activities, and in the program of extra-curricular activities which is so much a part of high-school life and is open to all students.





Front Row: Elizabeth DeMar, Ann Tomlinson, Doris Miller, Carolyn Blanchard, Priscilla Leslie, Dolores Devaney, Joan Leonard, Ann O'Brien, Arlene Weare. Second Row: Marjorie Nugent, Sandra Helpard, Janet Giuliano, Lois Doiron, Margarette Russo, Lois Davis, June Cooke, Diane Robbins, Yvonne Muise, Dolores Surette, Linda French, Louise Davis, June Newnzer. Third Row: Barbara Hoyt, Mary Ann Ventimiglia, Carol Walker, Dorothy Glover, Nancy Wheeler, Gael Desmond, Dorothy Jenney, Margaret Murray, Marilyn LeFave, Gayle Boyce, Sally Grant, Charlotte Cryts, Beverly Boivin, Joan Magliozzi, Ann Cullinane. Fourth Row: Gertrude Clark, Helen Taylor, Barbara Moulton, Jean Doucette, Nancy Burpee, Katherine Kramer, Nanette Burns, Virginia Dolan, Joan Pantano, Ann Smith, Virginia Hoy, Janyce Sears, Patricia Marshall, Judith Westover.

SOPHOMORE



Front Row: David Wendell, William Zanni, Roy Doucette, John Boyden, William Woglom, Arthur Dickinson, Joseph Doherty, Richard Bell, Herbert Ferren, Laurence Duffy, Joseph Gallagher, Charles Hill, Melbourne Doucette, Barry Cook. Second Row: Norman Forsberg, Arthur Hathaway, John Twinam, Arthur J. Brown, Thomas Halpin, Ronald Ellis, David Barrett, Carl Amero, William High, Leonard Anderson, Paul Doucette. Third Row: Robert Foster, Charles Cryts, Thomas Fallon, Douglass Beeman, Paul Barrett, Bruce Wheeler, William Doherty, Daniel Fitzgerald, Peter Vincent, Russell Daley, James Dunn, Edgar Cook. Fourth Row: David Abbott, Jon Vedder, William Fisher, Philip Hodges, Ronald Roberts, Donald Hill, Howard MacMillan, Barry Butler, Robert Brown.



Front Row: Barbara Conti, Frances McKay, Shirley Henderson, Ann Chaput, Maureen Skinner, Judith Stone, Patricia Carter, Ann Howes, Marlene Beeman, Anita Mulhinch, Isabelle Eisenhaure, Joyce MacMillan, Elaine Carr, Priscilla Harrison, Geraldine Crowe, Carol Peterson. Second Row: Marion Towle, Marjorie McIntire, Glenda Caesar, Cynthia Livingston, Ruth McDonald, Jane Mercier, Ann Strout, Barbara Toothaker, Deana Newell, Katherine Coneeny, Merelyn Daniels, Judith Partelow, Marion Ruderman, Janet Kay, Lorraine Crovo, Nancy Jones. Third Row: Sandra Taylor, Nancy Goodwin, Dorothy Cook, Mary Hardy, Joyce Curhan, Barbara DeMar, Joyce Skane, Jean McIntire, Elizabeth Currie, Barbara Nurmi, Carol Sanford, Carol Stevenson, Florence Russell, Dorothy Hogan, Faithe Eldredge.

CLASS



Front Row: John Marden, Robert Thomas, Donald MacDermod, Arnold Starr, Barry Hubbard, Robert Taylor, Jon Read, Jon Richardson, Peter Orth, Paul Procter, Charles Smith, Richard Rogers. Second Row: Duncan Moodie, Milton Robinson, Kenneth Jones, John H. Miller, William Skinner, David Surette, Albert Lowe, Dale La Belle, Alvin Opland, William MacDermond, William Morrison. Third Row: John B. Miller, Harry Parshley, Robert Theriault, Daniel Saunders, Robert Sullivan, Russell Runge, James Surette, John Smith, Joseph Talbot, Roger Sullivan, William Sullivan, Robert Jenney. Fourth Row: Thomas Tompkins, Jack Runge, Richard Poehler, Edward Stanton, David Mathews, Don Mason, Oldon Sidebotham, Maurice Titcomb, Robert Smith, Thomas Murray. Fifth Row: Frederick Miller, Frederic Larson, Richard Spinney, William Titcomb, Leland Martin, William Spinney, George Perry, Richard A. Johnson, David Murphy.



Duncan Moodie, Merelyn Daniels, Thomas Halpin, Ann O'Brien.

CLASS OF 1955

Well, here we are! It took us nine years to arrive and add our claim to the weary halls, and, we are told, it will take us not much over one year to beat a fresh path to a gleaming new school (constructed just in time for our class, of course). But don't get "green-eyed", ye upperclassmen; let us say you've done a fine job in helping to mellow the old place.

Right now we're entering into the spirit of high-school life and enjoying it! We broke the seal of the new school year by learning some of the "tricks of the trade" and, to open our student activities, elected our officers: President, Tom Halpin; Vice-President, Duncan Moodie; Secretary, Merelyn Daniels; Treasurer, Ann O'Brien.

Our big event, the Sophomore Hop, was a success because of our work and planning.

Sports, extracurricular activities, together with school projects and government have further busied our school life, along with our teachers' hobby, collecting homework.

Do we sound like well-rounded specimens for a new school?

Seriously, we really enjoy high school life and hope our coming two years will be successful and happy.



Gudrun Flater, Linda Long, Marilyn Brown, Herbert Scheiner.

CLASS OF 1954

This year, we, the Class of 1954, found ourselves up another rung on the ladder, almost at the top. We had many plans for the year.

Before much time had passed, we elected our class officers: President, Herbert Scheiner; Vice-President, Gudrun Flater; Marilyn Brown, Secretary; and Linda Long, Treasurer. Mrs. Franzen is class adviser.

Books and schoolwork occupied much of our time, but we didn't neglect to make gala plans for our Junior Prom, which, held on April 15, was a complete social success. In June we paid our last tribute to our friends in the graduating class by sponsoring the traditional Junior-Senior Reception.

The Juniors made a good showing in all sports. The boys worked very hard and their efforts were well rewarded. At the end of the football season, Bill Cutcliffe was elected captain for our fast-approaching Senior year.

Our class will always remember being part of the "old" Reading High School. Nevertheless, we are looking forward to being the first graduates of the new high school. We have high hopes of making our Senior year, the top of our ladder, one which will be truly fine.



Front Row: Sandra Lane, Alice Amirault, Carolynn McKeague, Mary Bennett, Patricia Keane, Beverly Snyder, Joan McManus, Patricia Evans, Barbara Blanchard, Judith Popp, Maureen O'Brien. Second Row: Annie Gaffney, Joan Sullivan, Jacqueline Selfridge, Barbara Gerrior, Nancy Rogers, Ella Daley, Anne Colburn, Vera Harvey, Janice Richardson, Agnes Myhre, Margaret Donegan, Rita Bazso, Marguerite Frasco, Dorothy Walkup, Rena Deschenes. Third Row: Nancy Hall, Eleanor Jarvis, Norma Harris, Beverly Hatch, Gretchen Vedder, Irene Turilli, Carol Joyce, Jeri Hull, Anne Surette, Barbara Aylward, Glenna Creamer, Patricia Rooney, Billie Porter, Rose Venuti, Priscilla Marshall, Phyllis McKie, Coralie Abell. Fourth Row: Marilyn Brown, Gudrun Flater, Evelyn Burhoe, Joan Butler, Marilyn J. Brown, Janet Poore, Elna Tarbox, Marilyn Beck, Nancy Henry, Marcia Johnson, Natalie Zanni, Judith Jellison, Helen Eisenhaur, Lois D'Entremont, Barbara Gaw, Mary Jane Crock.

JUNIOR



Front Row: Michael O'Brien, Paul Doucette, Lawrence Skinner, John Brandon, William Knowles, Richard Redmond, James Donnelly, William Hunter, Melvin Jones, Donald Upton, Timothy Cullinane, Robert Nowell, David Harrison. Second Row: Edward Webb, Gerald Richardson, Ronald Smith, Leonard Day, Kenneth Elden, Richard Coombs, Herbert Freeman, Gerald Sweetland, John O'Donnell, Robert Almeida, Malcolm Crosby, Ronald Pigon. Third Row: Howard Goodwin, David Harlow, Albert Starr, William Talbot, Robert E. Ellis, Terrence Desmond, William Banfield, Daniel Matthews, Fred Merritt, Robert Noseworthy, Paul Lewis, Wendell McIntire, Gerald Peters, David Pulson.



Front Row: Alexis MacKay, Sally Fitzpatrick, Blanche Gosselin, Sandra O'Dowd, Janet Iverson, Barbara Cavanaugh, Rita Tower, Mary Tower, Mary Cail, Norma Castine, Joan Breugelman, Jane Madden, Christine Moberger, Mary Greene, Janice Boutwell, Carole Basinger. Second Row: Patricia Arnold, Joan Silva, Arlene Penno, Janice McCauley, Karen Metcalf, Janice Olson, Linda Long, Jean Corindia, Brenda Baisley, Beverly Brown, Ann Christensen, Jane deBrigard, Irene Carleton, Nancy Stewart, Lois Bartosch, Joanne Phillips. Third Row: Geraldine Johnson, Jacqueline Warnock, Ruth Wilson, Joanne Oldenbrook, Joan Sweat, Clara Pitman, Luane Pierce, Barbara Urquhart, Eleanor Anderson, Muriel Davis, Barbara Snow, Barbara Richardson, Marilyn Rogers, Sally Leighton, Gail Falle, Norma MacGrath.

CLASS



Front Row: John Fleming, Kenneth McKie, Bruce Batting, Roger O'Shea, James Blake, Richard Gallant, Arthur Fraumeni, Edwin Healy, William Hart, Gerald Surette, Robert Ellis, Michael Donnelly, Charles Riley. Second Row: William Gallagher, Joel Estey, Robert Wilkins, Donald Martin, Robert Smith, Richard Stosez, Frederic Bearse, Bernard Barron, Robert Doiron, William Cutcliffe, Robert Callahan, Alan Oliver. Third Row: Herbert Scheiner, Hugh Ross, Stanley Maxwell, George Peach, Leigh Bangs, William Crawford, Paul Carlson, Paul Henderson, Stanton MacLean, Jack Frost, David Johnson, Donald MacPherson, John Boudreau, Matthew Andrews.



A bunch, a lunch, and laughter.



Perplexity personified . . . which picture to take next?



"... and that's why the track team will win the championship this year." — An annual Crowley comment.



"They also serve who only stand and wait."



Shop and Home Ec. commuters.



Mrs. Kingman, our cafeteria supervisor, retired this winter after twenty-three years of service.



Just looking.



Is anyone watching?

CHEERLEADERS DANCE



Nancy, Elaine, Bev, Chambie, Eleanor, Marcia, Gretchen, Gerry, Frannie, and Sheila — at the climax of an exciting season.



Dave is proud of his new queen.



The crowd happily approves as Albie crowns Queen Barbara.



Yes, it's the pause that refreshes.



Wonderful music led to smooth dancing.

SOPHOMORE CHRISTMAS DANCE



Capturing the Christmas spirit — Ann Howes, Dave Barrett, Lois Doiron, Tom Halpin.



The dancing was enjoyed by "many a youth and many a maid."



Hey there, Santa, how's the fit?



The North Pole was never like this!



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

First Row: Virginia Doucette, June Peterson, Harold Cogger, Lorraine LeBlanc, Patricia Gallant, Nancy Cutcliffe. Second Row: Barbara Record, Louis Martinage, Channing Brown, Franklin Rodgers, Claudia Palmunen.

This year the National Honor Society, with the cooperation of the Student Council, raised money for a scholarship to be awarded to one of the N. H. S. members at graduation.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Seated: Gudrun Flater, Jean Robbins, Nancy Chamberlain, Richards Burhoe, Duncan Mcodie, Barbara Long, Ann O'Brien, Mr. Sussmann. Standing: Jack Hardy, Richard Spinney, Nancy Stewart, Claudia Palmunen, Merelyn Daniels, Willard Tucker, Jean Doucette, Sheila McNabola, Jean Corindia, Marcia Johnson, Thomas Halpin, Herbert Scheiner.

Made up of one representative of each homeroom, the class presidents, and the captains of sports teams, the Student Council works for the benefit of each member of the school.



CAMERA CLUB

First Row: John Miller, James Blake, Richard Stosez, Kilborn Bagley, Jack Frost, David Schurman, George Perry, James Donnelly. Second Row: Edouard Lassieur, David Harlow, William Spinney, Daniel Saunders, Paul Carlson.

The mysteries of the camera and the idiosyncrasies of the projector and the sound track challenge these lads.



TRAFFIC SQUAD

Rear: Hugh Ross, David Schurman, Richards Burhoe. Front: Herbert Scheiner, David Ham, James Murdock, Willard Tucker, Harold Cogger, Neil Murray, Melvin Jones.

Speeding cars are not the concern of the Traffic Squad, but lagging students are.



LITTLE ORCHESTRA

Pianist: Eunice Marden. Standing: Mr. Wegiel, Florence Russell, John O'Donnell, Robert Noseworthy, Willard Tucker, David Matthews, Donald McPherson, Harold Cogger, Robert Smith.

The many orchestra rehearsals resulted in good music.



SENIOR EXECUTIVE BOARD

Seated: Frances Rich, Nancy Chamberlain, Richards Burhoe, Barbara Long, Beverly Murphy. Standing: Dorothy Hall, Paul Jones, Arthur Ouimet, Robert Warren, Richard Secord, Willard Tucker, Robert Blandy.

The Executive Board worked with Miss Nichols to formulate preliminary plans for our Senior activities.

CURTAIN GOING UP



Through the looking glass . . . the bustle and excitement backstage.



Mixed emotions . . . before the curtain really did go up on the 1952 production.

On November 21 and again on November 22, the curtain rose on the annual Senior Play. This year "Curtain Going Up," itself the story of the production of a high-school play, was well received by a large audience. The Seniors, who voted to turn the proceeds of the play over to the Louis Bacigalupo Fund, were happy to see Louis himself in the audience on "opening night."



PLAY READING COMMITTEE

Front Row: Lorraine LeBlanc, Joan Allen, Barbara Crouse, Beverly Murphy, Fane Cowan, Frances Rich, Virginia Bigham, Ruth Stiles. Second Row: Janet Ferren, Barbara Record, Dorothy Hall, Nancy Chamberlain, David Schurman, Elwyn Wells, Elaine Doran, Joyce Foster, Lillis Wellington, Lois Hulsman.



Joyce . . . as the actress who has been "insulted by professionals."



Louis' expression confirms the fact that the play was a success.



Tension mounts as our play within a play nears its climax.



Willard, as "Milt," expounds his philosophy of life.



USHERS

Left to right: Richards Burhoe, Arthur Ouimet, James Murdock, Jack Hardy, David Ham, Albert Runge, Richard Secord, Robert Warren.



PROGRAM GIRLS

First Row: Cynthia Weir, Harriet Smith, Kathleen Halloran. Second Row: Priscilla Howe, Eleanor Doherty, Patience Peale, Arline Richards, Carol Powers.



TICKET GIRLS

Nancy Towle and Jean Earley, two of our efficient ticket girls.



CANDY GIRLS

First Row: Nancy Cutcliffe, Beverly Murphy, Peggy Loud, Sheila McNabb. Second Row: Elise Francis, Elizabeth French, Virginia Bigham, Barbara Long, Gloria Thibault.



Harold's big scene —
"I've been shot!"



"And furthermore . . ." — Mr. Spencer drives home a point.



STAGE CREW

Channing Brown, Kilborn Bagley, Joseph Rushton, Marc Colburn



Tony's broom — his excuse for witnessing rehearsals.



COSTUME COMMITTEE

Seated: Lois Hulsman, Joan Allen, Barbara Record. Standing: Patricia Gallant, Eunice Marden, Virginia Merrill, Judith Miller.

The Costume Committee helped to gather a varied wardrobe for the cast, and gave invaluable assistance on the nights of the performance.



CAST OF "BALCONY SCENE"

Left to Right: Merelyn Daniels, Lorraine LeBlanc, Helen Taylor, Barbara Crouse, Willard Tucker, Thomas Halpin, David Matthews, Richard Wright.



DRAMATIC CLUB

First Row: Thomas Halpin, Patricia Gallant, Joan Allen, Ann Lovering, Willard Tucker, Barbara Crouse, Lorraine LeBlanc, Merelyn Daniels, David Matthews. Second Row: Marion Towle, Judith Jellison, Mary Hardy, Jane deBrigard, Nancy Stewart, Helen Taylor, Jane Decatur, Ann Colburn, Sandra Taylor. Third Row: Karen Metcalf, Joyce Curhan, Carolyn Blanchard, Leigh Bangs, Marcia Johnson, Nancy Henry, Linda Long.

"Balcony Scene" was the choice of the Dramatic Club for presentation at the annual Drama Festival.



PIONEER BOARD

Seated: Lorraine LeBlanc, Patricia Gallant, Louis Hayward. Standing, Jean Earley, David Schurman, Barbara Long, Roger Corke, Virginia Doucette.

Overseeing all work on the yearbook was the job of these busy Seniors.



PIONEER LITERARY STAFF

Front Row: Beverly Murphy, Nancy Chamberlain, Virginia Doucette, Roger Corke, Nancy Cutcliffe. Second Row: Helen Swenson, Claudia Palmunen, Joan Allen, Barbara Record, June Peterson, Elaine Doran, Barbara Crouse, Janet Ferren, Frances Rich, Mary Jo Hubbard, Jean Robbins. Third Row: Lois Hulsman, Patricia Gallant, Willard Tucker, Stephen Land, David Schurman, Richard Secord, Jane Cooper, Nancy Towle.

Questionnaires, dots, and "thirty-five words" haunted the waking hours of the Seniors who wrote the profiles of their classmates.



PIONEER TYPING STAFF

Seated: Jean Earley. Standing: Alice Hoyt, Janet Ferren, Joyce Perkins.

Accuracy and dependability characterized the work of the girls behind the typewriter.



PIONEER ART STAFF

Seated: Arline Richards, Jean Earley, Barbara Crouse, Louis Hayward, Lorraine LeBlanc, Joyce Butler, Priscilla Howe. Standing: Jane de Brigard, Janice Olsen, Richard Gallant, Agnes Myhre, Vera Harvey.

Cropping pictures, arranging proofs, and making layouts occupied many hours of this industrious group.



BUSINESS STAFF

Seated: Alice Hoyt, David Schurman, Joan Allen, Jean Robbins. Standing: Peggy Loud, Janet Ferren, Joyce Perkins, Carol Powers, Virginia Bigham, Margaret Leonard.

The diligent efforts of the business staff netted many ads and much necessary capital.



HOMEROOM COLLECTORS

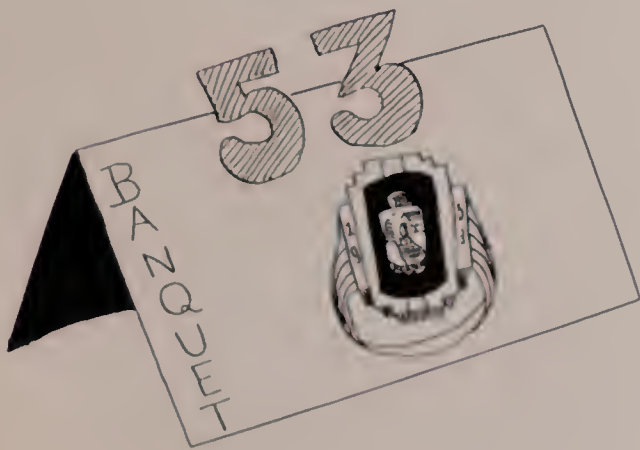
Seated: David Schurman, Eleanor Williams, Claudia Palmunen, Nancy Chamberlain, Richard Johnson, Jane Decatur. Standing: Janice Boutwell, Ann Howes, William Skinner, Katherine Kramer, Marcia Johnson, Charles Vars, Nancy Burpee, Agnes Myhre.

Each Pioneer collector was responsible for the subscriptions and payments from his homeroom.

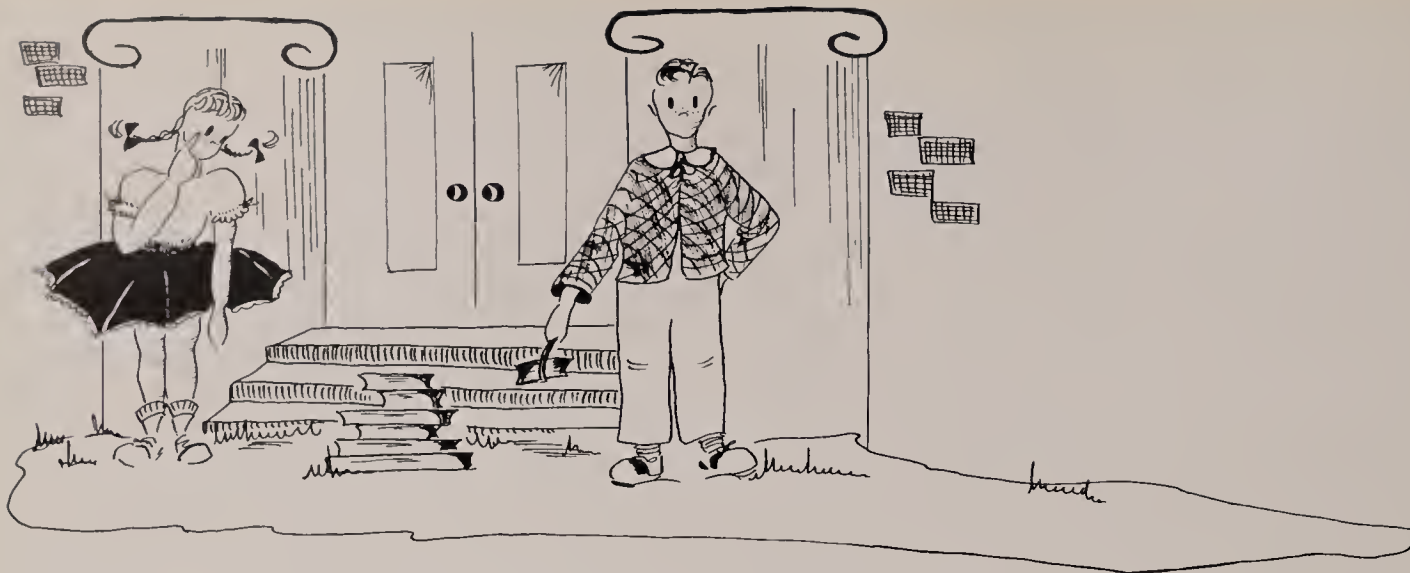


SENIORS

The Class of 1953 occupies the unique position of being the last in a line of forty-seven classes who have completed their educations in the present high school. Every class is made up of individuals, and here we present the members of '53, their individual pictures and profiles, and their collective history, which will reach its culmination on June 10.



CLASS



The first chapter of our lives at Reading High opened in September 1952, when we, two hundred and fifteen Sophomores, presented ourselves to Mr. Sussmann in the assembly hall for assignment. Gradually our shyness wore off, and as we gained enthusiasm, we accepted the responsibility of electing our first officers. They were the following: President, Barbara Long; Vice-President, Dick Burhoe; Secretary, Ann High; and Treasurer, Louis Martinage. It did not take us long to settle down to the books and routine of high-school life.



Each Saturday we were right there with the upperclassmen cheering the Rockets on to victory. That October day when the Black and Red were victorious over Winchester will always stand out as a red-letter day on our Sophomore calendar. From sports we turned to our first social function, the Sophomore Hop, the theme of which was the Cinderella Ball. We once again welcomed back Mr. Rich, whom most of us had previously known at Parker Junior High.

Christmas vacation was just an interlude before those first big exams — midyears. Having weathered that crisis, we expended our excess energy on basketball, volleyball, and Mr. Oliver's Key to Memories.

Once again we surmounted exams, this time finals. As our Sophomore year came to a close, we, the Class of 1953, looked forward with eagerness to our second chapter.

Seasoned high-schoolers, we returned in the fall of 1951 to begin our second chapter. After electing the following officers: Dick Burhoe, President; Lorraine LeBlanc, Vice-President; Nancy Chamberlain, Secretary; and Louis Martinage, Treasurer, we started a year of success and happiness.

During our Junior year, football meant more to us than it had previously, for our class was well represented on the field. Our exhausting cheering was well rewarded when we learned that Albie Runge had been elected captain for the following year.

Basketball started without a moment's hesitation, and the closely fought games never ceased, not even for midyears. Yes, our class was as well represented on the court as on the field. At the close of the season Jack Hardy was elected captain for our Senior year.

We now began to formulate plans for that long-to-be-remembered dance, the Junior Prom. The big night arrived, a success as usual, and we believed ourselves to be dancing on an ocean liner. The arrival of spring meant the arrival of bats, golf clubs, and track cleats. It was this year that R. H. S. won both the basketball and the golf championships in the Middlesex League.



HISTORY

Sports and other extracurricular activities were only the frosting on the cake; for two years we had been working diligently in our classes. It was after the third quarter of our Junior year that we took time out to cite the members of our class who had distinguished themselves scholastically. We were very proud to have such a fine representation in the National Honor Society.

As June loomed up we set about to plan the Junior-Senior Reception. Watching graduation activities, we knew that we had only one chapter left. Although we looked forward to our Senior year with anticipation, it caused us some sadness to say goodbye to our many friends in the graduating class.

Having spent the summer in various ways, we returned in September to write that third and final chapter of high-school life. We wasted no time in electing our officers: Dick Burhoe, President; Barbara Long, Vice-President; Nancy Chamberlain, Secretary; and Louis Martinage, Treasurer.

Hardly had the football season got underway when we were all saddened by the severe injury to our classmate, Louis Bacigalupo. Each week the team was inspired to victory in order to win the ball for Louie. The pep and enthusiasm of our cheerleaders and baton squad added much to these eventful days. As the football season drew to a close, the annual Cheerleaders Dance was held, highlighted by the coronation of Barbara Long, Football Queen.

No sooner had football ended than we were off in another direction — dramatics. Our production, *Curtain Going Up*, was a play within a play. The cast was doubly rewarded by capacity audiences both evenings, and the realization that a substantial sum had been contributed to the Bacigalupo Fund.

Throughout the fall and early winter, all events were pointing toward June 10th. Our Pioneer staff was diligently at work. College Board classes and guidance assemblies took much of our time. Since December, when he became ill, we all have missed Mr. Halpin's guidance help and friendly greetings. We hope that next year he will once again be giving R. H. S. students his much-appreciated and invaluable assistance.

When we were not cheering ourselves hoarse at the closely fought basketball games, we were planning ahead for those not-too-distant days. There were caps and gowns to be ordered, committees to be chosen, and all the last-minute details to be taken care of so that our graduation would be a success.

The Senior Prom, our never-to-be-forgotten last dance, was held on May 8, at Bear Hill. We knew that our last week was to be filled with wonderful memories of Baccalaureate, Class Day, and the Senior Banquet.

The time is fast approaching when we, the Class of 1953, shall receive our diplomas. However, we will always look back with fond affection on the wonderful friends and experiences we have had here at R. H. S. Although we may be the last class to be graduated from this school, we shall have as many fond memories as will those who follow us.



JEANIE EARLY



Class Couple I - P. Jones, E. Loherty
 Class Couple II - A. High, J. Hardy
 A. High - Cutest



Class Flirts - S. Sturge, J. Terren
 Class Heartbreakers - B. Murphy
 A. Milley



Junior Boy and Girl - W. Sutcliffe
 B. Brown
 Shyest - B. Watson, S. Abell



Most Ambitious
 Most Likely to Succeed
 V. Soucette, S. Brown



J. Cooper - Most Sophisticated
 H. Cogger - Most Sophisticated
 Fashion Plate
 S. McNabola - Fashion Plate



L. Le Blanc - Best Actress
 W. Tucker - Best Actor
 Class Musician
 E. Marden - Class Musician
 A. Richards - Class Artist
 W. Green - Cutest, Class Artist



A. Runge - Best Athlete
 Best Dancer
 Most Popular
 E. Doran - Best Athlete
 Priscilla Howe - Best Dancer



R. Durhoe - Best Mannered
 Ideal K. H. S. Student
 N. Cutcliffe - Best Mannered



D. Janne - Class Heckler
 A. Cummet - Best Natured, Class Clown, Wildest
 H. Milton - Noisiest, Teachers Tune
 N. Chamberlain - Class Clown, Noisiest
 Class Heckler
 Elyz. Doherty - Wildest
 D. Hall - Best Natured

GRADUATION 1953

Program

PROCESSIONAL MARCH.....High School Band
RAISING OF FLAG and PLAYING OF COLORS
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
Led by Class President, Richards H. Burhoe, Jr.
STAR SPANGLED BANNER.....Key-Smith
Audience, Senior Class and Band
PRAYER.....Rev. Paul E. Sheldon

SALUTATORY

Claudia Frances Palmunen

TORCH ORATION.....Richards H. Burhoe, Jr.
ESSAY.....Nancy Ann Cutcliffe, Class Honors
ESSAY.....Channing Crocker Brown, Faculty Honors
ESSAY.....David Franklin Ham, Class Honors
ESSAY.....Jean Marie Earley, Faculty Honors

VALEDICTORY

Virginia Claire Doucette

CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS.....Rudolf Sussmann, Headmaster
CONFERRING DIPLOMAS.....Philip R. White, Chairman of School Board
AMERICA.....Audience, Senior Class and Band
BENEDICTION.....Rev. Paul E. Sheldon
RECESSIONAL MARCH.....High School Band



RICHARDS BURHOE, JR.

Dick . . . our efficient and likable President . . . a class officer for three consecutive years . . . Dick's ambition, to be seven feet tall . . . enjoyed English and especially remembers Coach Crowley's half-time talks . . . future plans include college.



BARBARA LONG

Barb . . . the girl with the warm smile and sweet personality . . . Student Council, basketball, and the Senior Play occupied much of Barb's time . . . favorite pastime, bowling . . . plans to attend nursing school . . . success is in sight for Barb, our Vice-President.

CLASS OFFICERS



NANCY LEE CHAMBERLAIN

Vivacious "Chambie" . . . Class Secretary, Student Council secretary, J.W.C. vice-president, cheerleader . . . other activities, basketball, Youth Council, Senior Executive Board . . . Loved Spanish with Mr. Roewer . . . ambition, marriage . . . next year, business school for this cute lass.



LOUIS MARTINAGE

Lou . . . a human math machine and the efficient Class Treasurer for three years . . . hopes to become a successful engineer, but is undecided in his choice of colleges . . . claims golf and automobiles as his favorite pastimes.



CARL ABELL

With a quiet manner . . . shy smile . . . but very friendly . . . a shop enthusiast . . . didn't mind the long walk to the Junior High each morning . . . it took him to his favorite class . . . will remember homeroom with Mr. Archambault.



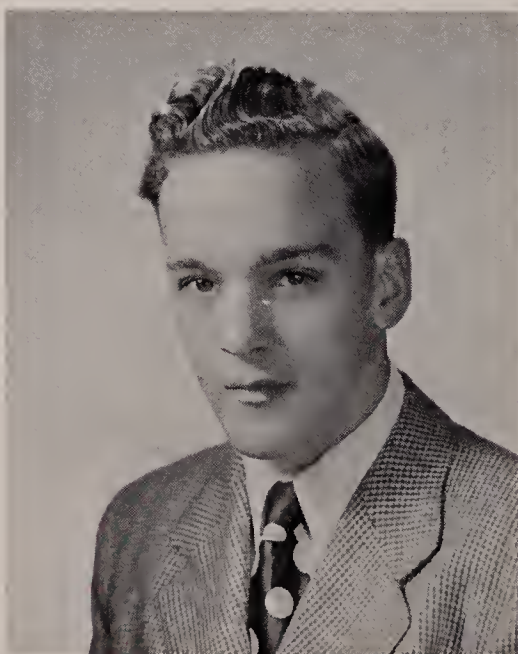
WARREN A. ANDERSON

An industrious workman in the physics lab . . . affable Warren . . . a rabid sports enthusiast . . . the future appears vague . . . but his winning smile foretells success . . . Warren looks back with nostalgia to seventh-period U.S. History.



JOAN ALLEN

Amiable Joanie . . . plans include Emerson College and speech therapy . . . enjoys traveling, working with people . . . favorite subject, French . . . numerous activities —Literary Staff, Rainbow, J.W.C., program selling . . . indispensable to Senior Play . . . prompter, member of Costume and Play Reading Committees.



EARL A. AUGUSTA

Earl claims his ambition is to own a real hot rod . . . a trip to California awaits him next year . . . remembers experiments in chemistry . . . cars of all types and chemistry are tops with this lad.



DORIS E. ANDERSON

The petite little blonde . . . that's "Dorrie" . . . who hopes to attend Fisher Business School . . . typing, her favorite subject, will bring her deserved success as a secretary . . . an everlasting memory will be her many friends at R.H.S.



LOUIS BACIGALUPO

Louis . . . earned our respect by his fortitude and cheerfulness . . . good-natured, gregarious . . . member of football and track teams . . . interested in the activities of the Youth Council . . . to "Baci," best wishes always.



KILBORN BAGLEY

"Buddy" . . . the future dairy farmer . . . he will go off to an agricultural college next fall . . . faithful, interested member of the Camera Club, Projection Crew . . . has devoted many hours to his hobby—photography.



JAMES BASSETT

Light-hearted Jim . . . aspires to enter the Coast Guard Academy . . . vows to remain a blissful bachelor . . . an ardent follower of popular music . . . boxing fan . . . Jim will keenly remember Algebra II with Mr. Fitzgerald.



CHARLES ROBERT BAYRD

"Bob" . . . smiling and affable, plans to spend the next few years on the high seas . . . member of Chorus, baseball team and Youth Council . . . won't forget a certain baseball game with Concord . . . enjoys history and gym.



THOMAS BEHEN

Tom . . . just back from the Marines . . . chose the College Course . . . Student Council member . . . main interests include cars and girls . . . hopes to own a private business someday . . . retains fond memories of Latin with Joe Murphy.



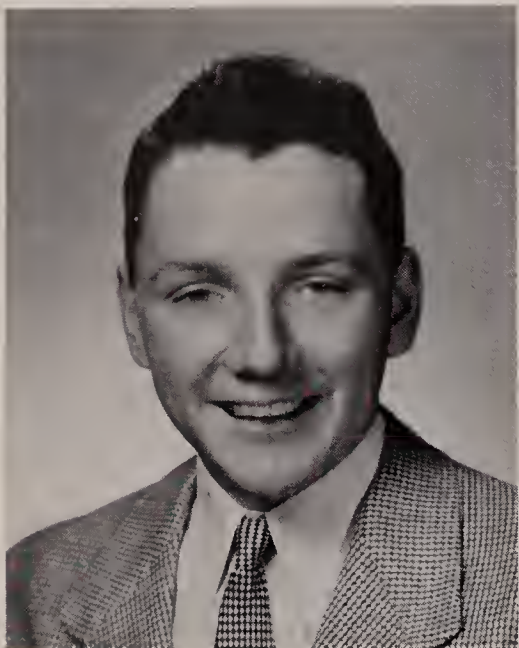
DONALD F. BELAIR

"Donnie" . . . ambition, to become a State Trooper . . . spends his time working on cars and skiing . . . Donnie won't forget the autumn trips on the R.H.S. Band bus . . . science is his favorite subject . . . next year, Officers Training School.



VIRGINIA I. BIGHAM

The girl with the friendly hello . . . Ginny enjoyed typing and shorthand . . . was Mr. Pope's efficient secretary, practicing for her destined future job . . . worked on the Play Reading Committee . . . J.W.C. occupies her on Thursday evenings.



ROBERT P. BLANDY

A member of the Senior Executive Board . . . future business tycoon . . . Bob is prep-school-bound . . . staunch participant in football and hockey . . . fondly recalls lively election-year discussions in Mr. Hanlon's U.S. History class.



NANCY CARLSON

The vivacious blond . . . lover of animals, especially horses . . . to own a ranch abounding in horses is Nancy's ambition . . . to be an airline hostess is her plan for the immediate future . . . a tip of the hat to a faithful program girl.



CHANNING BROWN

Ambitious "Channie" . . . coolly confronted the College Course . . . plans include college and then medical training . . . favorite subject, biology . . . a member of the National Honor Society . . . Channie's perseverance and diligence will be rewarded.



WILLIAM CARNEY

Bill keenly enjoys football and swimming . . . votes history as top subject . . . will never forget fourth-period . . . although his future plans are undecided, we know that Bill will be successful in whatever he attempts.



JOYCE BUTLER

Joyce plans to attend business school next year . . . her favorite subject is art . . . lasting memory, the two-thirty bell . . . a member of the Pioneer Art Staff . . . ticket girl . . . enjoys Rainbow on nights off from the theater.



JOHN CHASE

John . . . portrayed "Buck" in the Senior Play . . . interested in flying . . . ambition, to own a pilot's license and a Jaguar . . . enjoys the out-of-doors and aquatic sports . . . will never forget Physics, or the squeaks and rattles of R. H. S.



WILLIAM CLARK

Bill . . . would like to see the Yankees lose the World Series . . . he likes those certain mockers in Mr. Roewer's classes . . . skiing and history rank highest with Bill . . . it's on to college next year.



GEORGE A. CLATTENBURG

After a period of service in the Marines, Sonny rejoined us . . . good-natured, quiet . . . cars take up his extra time . . . has bright memories of Miss Drury's classes . . . big ambition, to go to North-eastern next fall.



HAROLD COGGER

Tall, good-looking "Hal" with an infectious grin . . . member of National Honor Society and Senior Play cast . . . golf and DeMolay rate high . . . will remember Mr. Spencer's attitude toward the weaker sex . . . Harvard will welcome "Hal."



JOHN COIT

"Jake" . . . dynamic tackle for two years . . . ambition is to see the world . . . will always remember US. History with Mr. Hanlon . . . baseball and hockey kept him busy . . . in the future "Jake" will be wearing those Navy blues.



MARC COLBURN

Quiet, ambitious Marc . . . plans to work his way through college . . . enjoys football . . . chemistry is his favorite subject . . . Marc will never forget Mr. Fitzgerald's geometry class . . . someday he will be solving crimes as a famous criminologist.



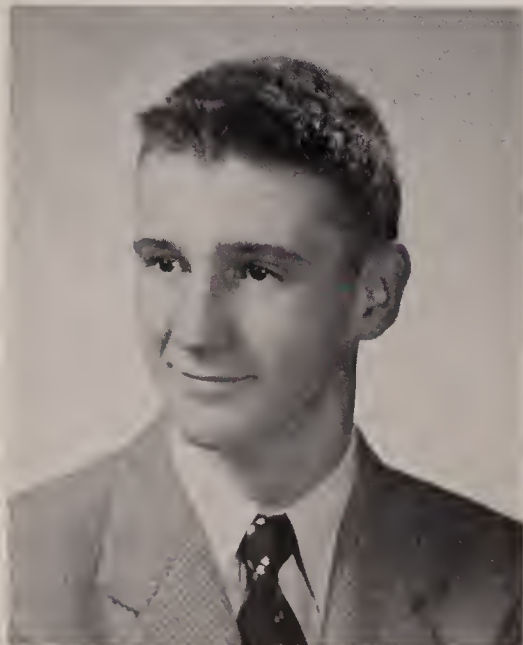
RICHARD COLLINS

Dick . . . looking forward to graduation this year . . . he plans to go to college next year . . . hopes to become an engineer . . . enjoyed English very much . . . golf and hockey hold their own as Dick's favorite sports.



LEO CONNORS

Happy-go-lucky Leo . . . always ready with a cheerful smile . . . likes Physics, golf, and girls . . . captain of the R.H.S. golf team . . . hopes to capture the State Amateur title . . . prep school next year for this likable lad.



ROGER CORKE

"Rog" . . . who hopes for a commission in the U. S. Army . . . member of the Pioneer Board . . . likes math . . . played two years on the R. H. S. eleven . . . a good hockey player . . . won't forget Mr. Spencer's criticisms of the fair sex.



DOLORES R. CONTI

Energetic baton twirler . . . member of J. W. C., Junior Catholic Daughters, Student Council, and Senior Executive Board . . . that's our Dol . . . future plans include business school . . . then success . . . Mr. Weigel's Music Appreciation class is her favorite memory of R. H. S.



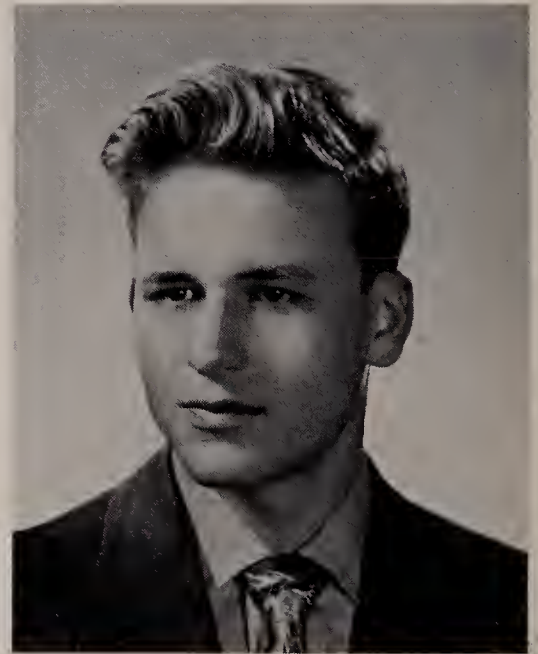
FANE COWAN

Likable Fane . . . busy with work on Pioneer, Publicity and Play Reading Committees for the Senior Play . . . belongs to J.W.C., Rainbow . . . enjoys ice-skating, collecting records . . . will remember Mr. Pope's experiments . . . aspires to be a lab technician.



JANE COOPER

Attractive "Snookie" . . . quiet and reserved . . . especially enjoyed history . . . favorite memory of R. H. S., that 2:30 bell . . . future plans include Chandler and secretarial work . . . you can be sure that "Snookie" will be successful in all she does.



RICHARD CROSS

It's the Navy next year for Richie . . . after discharge he plans to attend linotype school and become an A-1 linotype operator . . . he enjoys camping, skiing, football, and racing boats . . . favorite school periods, physics and lunch.



BARBARA N. CROUSE

Off to Deaconess Hospital for training as a nurse . . . versatile Barb . . . favorite subjects, French and typing . . . will remember French translation assignments, play rehearsals . . . member of Pioneer Staff, Play Reading Committee, Program Girls . . . Worthy Advisor of Rainbow.



ROBERT E. CRYTS

Quiet but mischievous . . . Bob . . . liked history with Mrs. Cutcliffe . . . crazy about football and hockey . . . one of the stars of our baseball team . . . next year plans to don the familiar Navy blue . . . found English IV "the" subject.



THOMAS CUTLER

"Tom"—an automobile fanatic while at R. H. S., plans to cast his fortune with the Air Force . . . professes to have enjoyed his study periods most . . . only regret is that he must leave the sophomore girls behind.



NANCY CUTCLIFFE

One of our cutest cheerleaders . . . lent her talents to Student Council, National Honor Society, Literary Staff, J. W. C. . . . next year will probably find Nancy at Bates College . . . Spanish and math are favorites . . . has fond memories of the Junior Prom.



DONALD M. DAVID

To be a success is Don's ambition . . . chief interests include hunting and photography . . . likes lunch periods best, but is thoroughly intrigued by Miss Cox's English class . . . the U. S. Air Force beckons Don after graduation.



RICHARD DOBBIN

Dick's ambition is to amass a fortune . . . maybe math, his favorite subject, will help . . . claims that his fondest memory will come when he receives his diploma . . . his plans for next year as yet are undetermined.



ELEANOR DOHERTY

The blonde, curly-haired cheerleader . . . that's Eleanor . . . next year it will be "Number, please" . . . Eleanor enjoyed history . . . will always remember the football games and a certain star end . . . member of the Chorus and of dance committees.



EDWARD DOUCETTE

Ed . . . the bookkeeping whiz . . . will long remember Miss Zimmermann's homeroom . . . Ed's ambition, to be president of the Middlesex County National Bank . . . the Marine Corps beckons this lad next year . . . sports and dancing will always offer him enjoyment.



ELIZABETH DOHERTY

Cute little "Liz" . . . one of our baton twirlers . . . participated in Youth Council, J.W.C., Business Staff, and Play Reading Committee . . . interests include dances and sports . . . will never forget the Canteen . . . next year, business school.



VIRGINIA DOUCETTE

"Ginny" . . . diligent, dependable . . . member of Pioneer Staff, Publicity Committee of Senior Play, National Honor Society . . . Latin, her best and favorite subject . . . ambition to teach, history or language . . . next year will find "Ginny" at Emmanuel or Regis.



ELAINE DORAN

A vivacious, enthusiastic cheerleader . . . headed for Merrimack . . . dance committees, J. W. C., Youth Council, Senior Play cast, Pioneer Literary Staff all claimed Elaine's spare time . . . found Spanish with Mr. Roewer enjoyable . . . will never forget the Junior Prom.



JEAN M. EARLEY

Cute, likable . . . best description of "Jeanie" . . . member of Guidance Committee, J.W.C., head typist for Pioneer . . . enjoyed working for Mr. Baker for two years . . . summer camping and art work, Jeanie's hobbies . . . future . . . Westbrook Junior College and airline hostessing.



WARREN E. EDWARDS

"Swift" . . . an embryo businessman . . . performed creditably on the track and gridiron . . . found time to make his presence felt in hockey and DeMolay . . . Mr. Roewer's humor and U.S. History comprise his most pleasant memories.



ROBERT G. FAULKNER

Tall, good-looking, and quiet . . . Bob will never forget Mr. Roewer's choice comments . . . a member of the track team and football squad . . . chief interests include hockey and DeMolay . . . success as an architect is certain.



JANET FERREN

Jan . . . energetic program girl . . . whizzed through the Commercial Course . . . especially liked shorthand and typing . . . ambition, to be a private secretary . . . chief interests include skating, dancing, sports . . . Pioneer Staff, basketball, Play Committees have kept Jan busy.



JOYCE FOSTER

"Joycie" . . . dancing, flowers, and one blond are her interests . . . Chorus with Mr. Oliver, her pleasure . . . English with Miss Batchelder, her memory . . . active in Senior Play, J. W. C., Rainbow . . . after traveling will either be each dancing or marry.



ANN ELISE FRANCIS

This attractive member of the Baton Squad plans to attend B. U. next year . . . "Lise" would like to travel . . . favorite memories of R. H. S., trigonometry and Mr. Oliver's productions . . . chief interests, football games and a certain man.



ELIZABETH FRENCH

"Bette" . . . bowling, swimming, rollerskating are her hobbies . . . typing is Bette's favorite subject . . . next year we'll find her in an office as a typist, one of the best . . . the 2:30 bell is her fondest memory of R.H.S.



MARILYN FRONGILLO

Marilyn . . . our attractive ticket girl . . . won't forget those math classes with Mr. Crowley . . . this lass will become a telephone operator and later hopes to own a Cadillac convertible . . . bowling, reading and dancing top Marilyn's list.



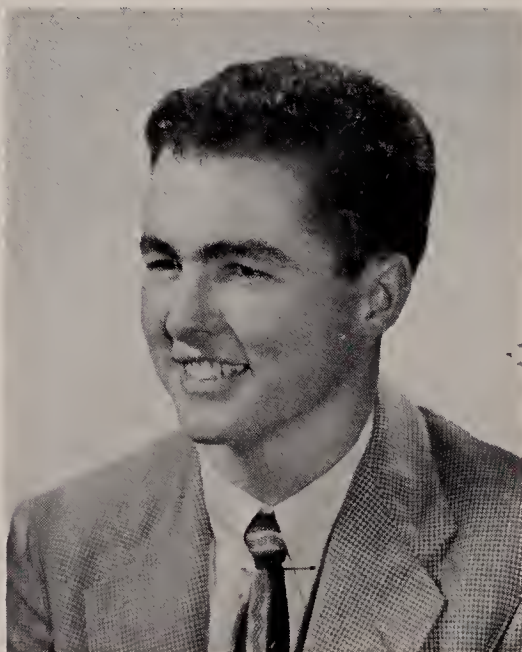
RICHARD GIBSON

"Gib" . . . known for his personality . . . has fond recollections of Spanish with Mr. Roewer . . . would like to be able to speak that language fluently . . . "Gib" will not forget our vast cafeteria . . . a Navy career lies ahead.



PATRICIA M. GALLANT

The girl with the expressive eyes . . . Pat will study physical therapy at Simmons . . . enjoys reading, skiing, swimming, writing . . . Editor-in-Chief of the Pioneer . . . member of the National Honor Society, Guidance Committee, J.W.C., Program Girls, Publicity Committee.



WILLIAM GREEN

Dark-eyed, curly-haired Billy plans a vacation trip to California next year . . . longs for a new Cadillac and a good job in the art field . . . his favorite memory of R.H.S. is 2:30 on Friday.



HERBERT L. GARDNER

"Herbie" . . . good-natured and quiet . . . a session in the Army as an engineer is his aim . . . his favorites in the sporting world are hunting and fishing . . . shop and his black Ford rate high in Herbie's book.



PHYLIS GRIFFIN

Phyl . . . salesgirl at Newbury's in Wakefield . . . hopes to continue in that job after graduation . . . loves dancing and collecting pop records . . . won't easily forget detention . . . Phyl's favorite subjects were lunch and book keeping with Miss Drury.



RICHARD I. JOHNSON

Nonchalant Dick . . . hopes to complete college and find a good job . . . member of the Student Council and DeMolay . . . Spanish and history held a special interest . . . will never forget Mr. Hanlon's history class . . . Tufts or Northeastern next year.



KATHLEEN HALLORAN

Colleen "Connie" . . . plans to attend Merrimac College . . . ambition, to be a private secretary . . . sports interests include dancing, skating, football games . . . typing and trig are Connie's favorite subjects . . . favorite memory — Miss Zimmermann's home room and biology class.



DAVID HAM

Dave . . . member of the Traffic Squad and snappy second baseman on the baseball team . . . will attend a college or engineering school . . . Dave's favorite subject is math . . . chief interests, hockey and baseball . . . physics lab made a lasting impression.



JACK HARDY

Jack, one of the best basketball players . . . a standout in baseball, golf . . . kicked many after-touch-down points . . . active member of the Student Council . . . ushered at the Senior Play . . . graduation leads Jack to prep school.



LOUIS HAYWARD

The "Lou" leaves R.H.S. with a fond memory of frequent discussions in Mr. Hanlon's class . . . Art Editor of the Pioneer . . . the University of Massachusetts beckons to him . . . his goal is to make his fortune early.



ANN F. HIGH

J.W.C., being secretary of our sophomore class, and basketball have kept Ann busy . . . will remember English III . . . enjoyed Spanish . . . finds dancing with a certain halfback very enjoyable . . . University of Massachusetts next year for this petite miss.



MARIE HORRIGAN

Marie . . . whose main ambition is to graduate . . . hopes to become a telephone operator . . . outstanding sport is skating . . . typing is considered her favorite subject . . . Mr. Crowley's math class will linger in her memories.



MARY JO HUBBARD

Westbrook Junior College beckons Jo . . . a class fashion-plate . . . possessor of a sweet personality . . . claims Spanish as her favorite subject . . . Pioneer Staff and J.W.C. kept her busy . . . ambition, to become an airlines stewardess . . . everlasting memory — Junior Prom.



PRISCILLA HOWE

Talented "Pedill" plans to attend the New England School of Art . . . would like to become an interior designer . . . enjoys art work and roller skating . . . among her favorite memories of R.H.S. are summer vacations and lunch.



LOIS J. HULSMAN

Loie . . . with the sweet personality . . . hopes to go to Bouvé College to become a physical education instructor . . . Worthy Advisor of Rainbow . . . J.W.C. and Scouts keep her busy . . . ardent baseball fan . . . outstanding in her memories, Mr. Pope's experiments.



HERBERT L. GARDNER

"Herbie" . . . good-natured and quiet . . . a session in the Army as an engineer is his aim . . . his favorites in the sporting world are hunting and fishing . . . shop and his black Ford rate high in Herbie's book.



JAMES JOHNSON

Jim . . . quiet and likable . . . favorite memory of R.H.S. is the spacious lunchroom . . . top subject, Spanish . . . to get a good job is Jim's ambition . . . next year he hopes to be at the University of Massachusetts.



RICHARD I. JOHNSON

Nonchalant Dick . . . hopes to complete college and find a good job . . . member of the Student Council and DeMolay . . . Spanish and history held a special interest . . . will never forget Mr. Hanlon's history class . . . Tufts or Northeastern next year.



WALTER JOHNSON

Walter, enjoyed chemistry with Mr. Adams . . . plans to attend Worcester Polytechnical Institute or Cornell and become a chemical engineer . . . likes to shoot golf . . . enjoys DeMolay . . . says he'll always remember fourth-year Latin.



PAUL JONES

"Jonesy" rated history his favorite subject . . . capable member of the Senior Executive Board, football squad, basketball team . . . track captain . . . will never forget Mr. Crowley's curly hair . . . with his personality Paul's destined to succeed.



STEPHEN A. LAND

Steve . . . member of Pioneer Literary Staff . . . favorite subject, U.S. History . . . Steve will always remember Mr. Hanlon's impartial political attitude . . . DeMolay, baseball, and piano are some of Steve's interests . . . next year, Harvard . . . to prepare for law school.



LORRAINE M. LeBLANC

Popular "Lulu" . . . the girl with the lovely voice . . . plans to attend a liberal arts college . . . member of Student Council, National Honor Society, Chorus . . . portrayed "Lorry" in the Senior Play . . . will remember lunch and Mr. Oliver's productions.



MARGARET LEONARD

"Margie" . . . vivacious, brown-eyed blonde, who's tops with everyone at R.H.S. . . . favorite subject, Ancient History with Mr. Bennett . . . future plans feature business school . . . would make someone a cute secretary, but she's still partial to Navy Blue.



PEGGY LOUD

Quiet, fun-loving . . . that's Peg . . . rates Consumer Education and bookkeeping her favorite subjects in the Commercial Course . . . member of J.W.C. and Play Committee . . . three years on the basketball team . . . plans to marry an Air Force man.



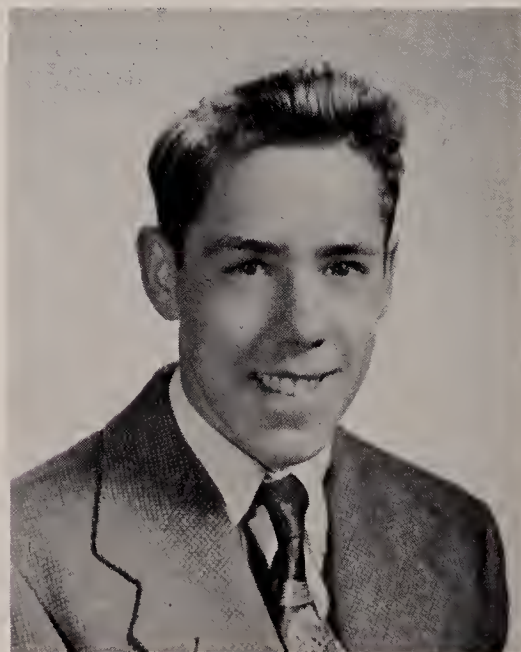
WILLIAM D. MacKINNON, JR.

Bill . . . an active fellow who put his tireless energy to good advantage as a DeMolay officer and member of the Ski Club . . . his crystal ball indicates college or prep school . . . enjoyed U.S. History immensely.



ANN LOVERING

Ann . . . remembered for her fine performance in the Senior Play . . . future plans are not yet certain, but they will probably include Lowell and nurses training . . . English was tops on Ann's list . . . but, oh, that fourth-period study.



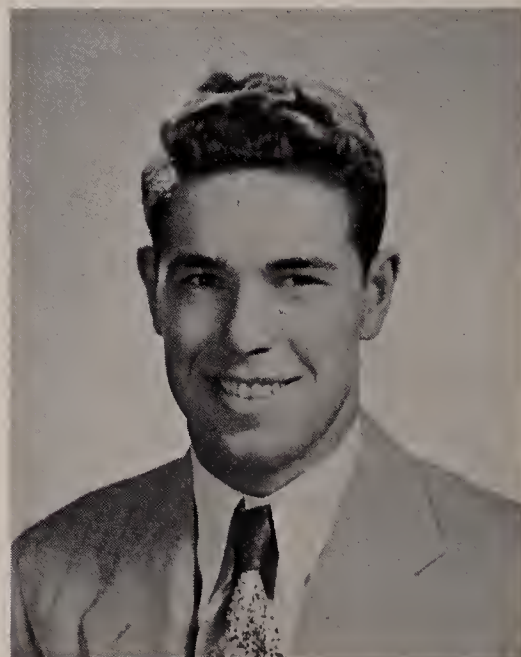
ANDREW MacLEOD

"Chucky" . . . member of the Color Guard . . . science has been Chucky's favorite subject and has provided the most interest . . . enjoys hockey, basketball, 4-H . . . ambition, to be a pilot . . . next year he plans to join the Air Force.



WALTER MacCAUGHEY

Wally rated shop as tops . . . always smiling and good-natured . . . his ambition is to get out of school and find a good job . . . Wally's interests settle around models, "hot rods", and a certain sophomore girl.



DONALD MacLEOD

One of our faithful members of the Color Guard . . . Mac . . . his ambition is to own a fleet of trucks . . . chief among his interests are mechanics and football . . . likes physics . . . the Air Force beckons to him.



DOLORES L. MAGNO

"Dolly" . . . whose hidden desire is to be a famous ballerina . . . enjoys all sports and dancing . . . Dolly plans to see the world . . . favorite subject is history . . . third-period English with Miss Batchelder holds many memories.



EUNICE MARDEN

Eunie . . . fine pianist . . . enthusiastic member of Band, Orchestra and Chorus . . . also active in Senior Scouts and Rainbow . . . favorite subject, biology . . . remembers band rehearsals . . . either Mount Holyoke or Wheaton College beckons her next year.



DAVID J. MARTIN, JR.

Dave will help the greenhouse business next year . . . among his favorite interests baseball, football, hunting, and camping hold first place . . . his favorite subject, science . . . one of those golden voices heard in Chorus belongs to Dave.



DONALD MARTINAGE

Donnie's chief ambition is to become a mechanical engineer . . . the noon-hour hot rods hold special interest for automobiles-minded Don . . . plans for next year include Northeastern . . . spends lots of time at Meadow Brook.



LOIS McELWEE

"Red" will always remember Miss Drury's homeroom and bookkeeping classes . . . a member of the Chorus . . . also enjoys dancing and swimming . . . after graduation, the switchboard beckons this petite lass with the striking red hair.



JOAN McMAHON

Cute and ambitious, that's Joan to a "T" . . . capable secretary to Mr. Bennett . . . diligently followed the Commercial Course, favoring bookkeeping . . . Pioneer Staff, Play Committees and J.W.C. claimed Joan . . . next step, the business world for this likable lass.



SHEILA McNABOLA

Sheila — cute, strawberry blonde . . . our diligent head cheerleader . . . efficient president of Junior Woman's Club . . . other activities include Student Council and Senior Play Committee . . . Sheila's plans for next year, college and assured success.



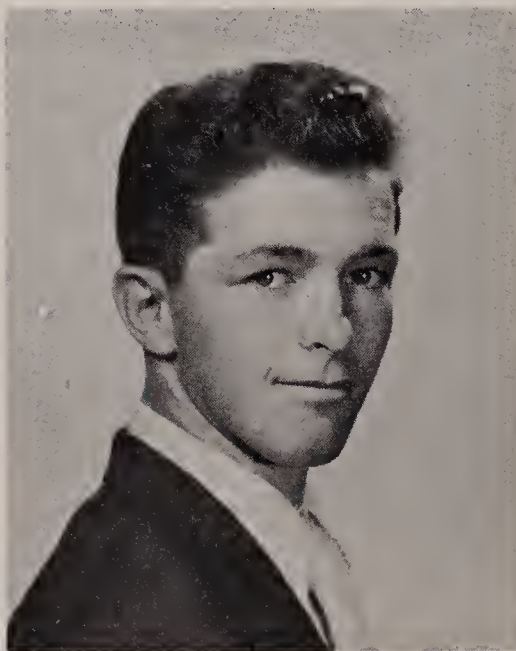
WILLIAM MILLER

Bill . . . plans to enlist in the Navy next year and attend Amherst College after his discharge . . . favorite memory of R.H.S., Mr. Pope's lectures . . . ambition — to travel and own a farm in Maine . . . favorite school subject, gym.



VIRGINIA MERRILL

After the University of New Hampshire Ginny hopes to be a farmerette . . . enjoys horseback riding on My Gal . . . skiing in the winter . . . favorite subject, Home Economics . . . creaking stairs of R.H.S. will echo in her memory.



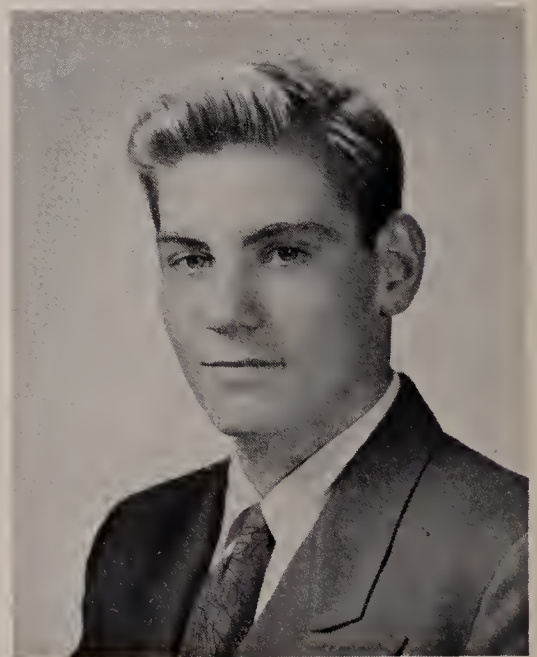
ALLAN MILLEY

Al rates lunch as his favorite hour of the day . . . will always remember Mr. Crowley's joking . . . trips to Newton occupy much of his time . . . captain of baseball . . . Al's winning ways are bound to bring him success.



JUDITH MILLER

Quiet and amiable . . . Judy plans to attend Lowell State . . . enjoyed Rainbow and sports, especially basketball . . . favorite subject was French . . . has fond memories of Miss Zimmermann's biology class . . . we know that Judy will be a success.



HENRY C. MILTON

A terrific golfer, basketball and football player — that's Hen . . . aiming for Dartmouth next year, then into the chemical field . . . favorite subject, history . . . likes the football coaches best when they are "off field."



JAMES MURDOCK

Jimmy . . . good-looking, versatile athlete . . . plays baseball and basketball . . . outstanding quarterback for the Rocket eleven . . . member of the Traffic Squad . . . favorite subject, math . . . undoubtedly he'll remember Coach Crowley . . . Jimmy heads for Tufts next year.



BEVERLY MURPHY

Bev . . . pretty cheerleader . . . remembers football games and dances with Jim . . . claims shorthand as her favorite subject . . . Senior Executive Board, Play Committees, Pioneer Staff and J.W.C. consumed her spare time . . . dreams of being an airline hostess.



DAVID A. MURPHY

"Murph" . . . hopes to make money in the next few years . . . we are entirely certain that this has little to do with his favorite interest, which happens to be shooting . . . good luck in the future.



JAMES F. MURPHY

Electrical school beckons to "Murph" . . . chief among his interests are baseball and cars . . . a member of the baseball team . . . his greatest ambition is to own a good car . . . is among those who know the red chair.



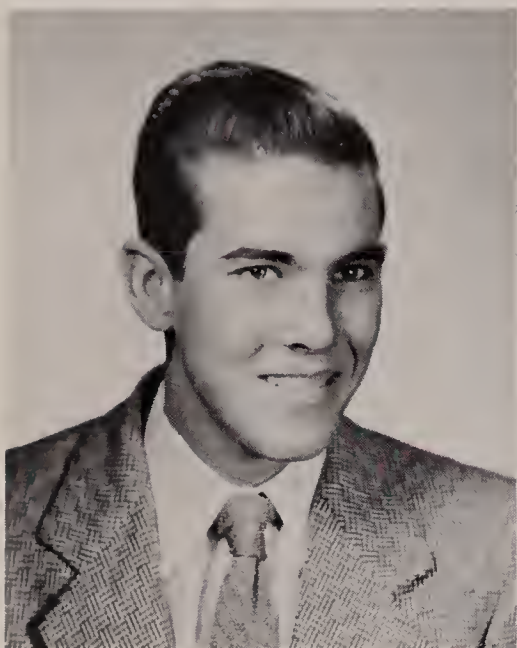
NEIL MURRAY

Hard-hitting Rocket fullback . . . that's "Muff" . . . active on the baseball and track teams . . . a member of the Traffic Squad and the Student Council . . . enjoyed Mr. Hanlon's history class . . . hopes to call Tufts his Alma Mater.



WENDELL NELSON

"Tink" . . . will study at the University of Massachusetts to become a veterinarian . . . "Andy" in Senior Play . . . enjoys skiing, riding and 4-H . . . championship sheep-breeder . . . favorite memory — Miss Zimmermann's biology classes and seventh-period lab.



WILLIAM ORAM

To the Air Force marches the "Chief" . . . member of the football squad . . . hunting kept him outdoors, too . . . has high hopes of being a mechanical engineer . . . finds second-period Consumer Education class hard to forget.



DONALD W. OWEN

"Mickey" . . . quiet and industrious . . . enjoyed Practical Arts . . . it's the University of Massachusetts for Don, who hopes to become a cook . . . cooking, in addition to baseball, is his chief interest . . . Don's favorite memories . . . those exciting football games.



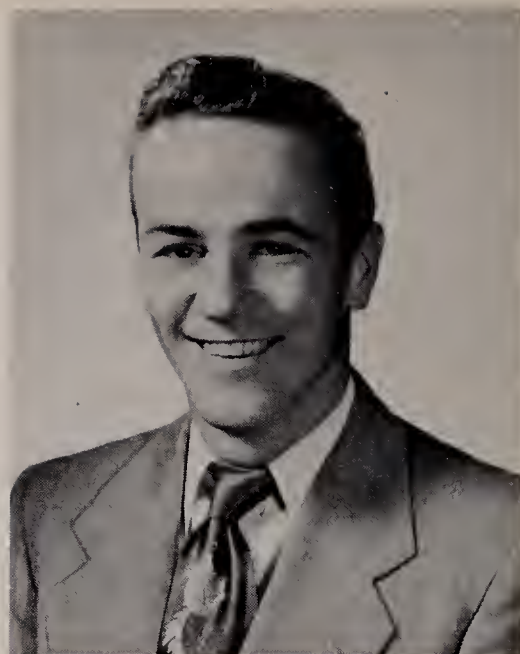
ARTHUR ORBEN, JR.

"Biff" . . . faithful member of the Band and Orchestra . . . claims lunch as his favorite subject . . . will remember Mr. Hanlon's history class . . . always found tinkering with his car . . . objective, to become a state policeman after his Navy career.



CLAUDIA PALMUNEN

Forsythe Dental School is Claudia's destination . . . to prepare her for work as a dental hygienist . . . Mr. Spencer's Latin classes afforded pleasant memories . . . active in Student Council, Art Staff, basketball, Senior Play . . . we will always remember all those A's.



ARTHUR OUIMET

Our comedian . . . Arch . . . activities included Chorus, Senior Executive Board, and the golf and football teams . . . hopes to attend prep school next year . . . ambition, to become a man . . . Arch always enjoys music, golf, and his many friends.



PATIENCE PEALE

Pat . . . a tall miss who is a whiz in geometry . . . member of Rainbow, girls' basketball . . . program girl at the Senior Play . . . geometry was Pat's favorite subject . . . recalls those days in study . . . will attend the University of Massachusetts.



JOYCE C. PERKINS

Joyce, with the pleasant smile . . . competent member of the Commercial Course . . . her favorite subject, shorthand . . . Pioneer Staff, J.W.C. claimed her time . . . expects to remember Miss Batchelder's senior English class . . . her goal, to be a private secretary.



JACK C. PETERSON

"Pete's" interests lie in sports and automobiles . . . ambition is to graduate and join the Armed Forces . . . that 2:30 bell always sounds like heaven to him . . . we know that "Pete" will smile his way to success.



JUNE PETERSON

June . . . blonde and blue-eyed, with a ready smile . . . favorite subjects, Latin and biology . . . enjoys reminiscences of Miss Zimmermann's class . . . plans to attend State Teachers College . . . Pioneer, Junior Woman's Club, and Rainbow occupied her spare time.



KIMBER PIGON

Next year the Navy will train Kim in aviation mechanics . . . a member of the track team and Chorus . . . interests include his speedboat, C.A.P., DeMolay . . . wishes all classes were as interesting as shop with Mr. Wales.



HAROLD S. PIKE

Harry . . . member and manager of the track team . . . quiet in class . . . hunting, fishing, and mountain-climbing are among the sports he enjoys . . . Spanish was a delight . . . will continue studying it at B.U. next fall.



ARNOLD POEHLER

A flash of red hair and you know it is "Skip" . . . found shop his favorite subject . . . a member of the baseball team . . . looks forward to graduation day and then the Army Air Corps.



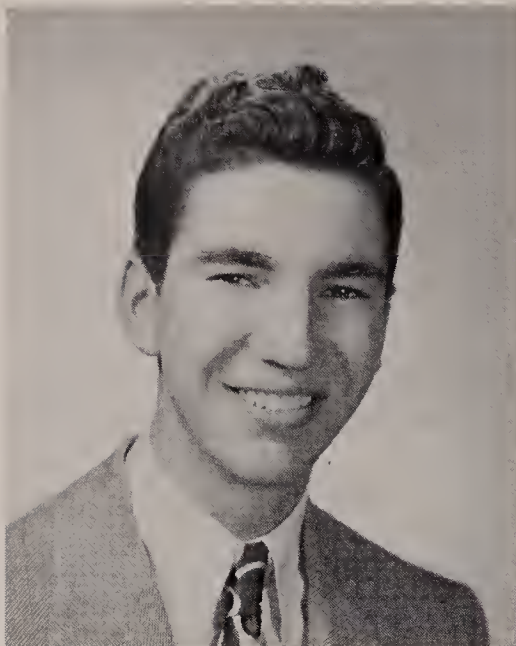
CAROL POWERS

"Tubby" . . . known for her pleasant personality . . . typing and bookkeeping are her favorite subjects . . . her future plans are undecided, but Chandler may claim "Tubby" . . . with her go memories of Miss Batchelder's English class.



FRANCES RICH

Frannie . . . cute, vivacious cheerleader . . . ambition, to graduate from college and be a success . . . member of dance committees, Senior Executive Board, and Pioneer Staff . . . served as corresponding secretary for Junior Woman's Club . . . remembers Mr. Roewer's Spanish classes.



CLIFFORD S. READ

It's the Navy for Cliff . . . ambition is to be a contractor . . . likes golf and hockey . . . his favorite subject, English . . . remembers golf matches with Mr. Bronner . . . member of the '51 football squad and this year's golf team.



ARLINE RICHARDS

Arline . . . found typing and shorthand to her liking . . . hopes to be a professional ballroom dancer . . . capable president of Youth Council . . . chief interest, receiving letters . . . remembers Mr. Oliver's musicals, the 1951 Senior Prom, and our Cheerleaders Dance.



BARBARA A. RECORD

"Barb" . . . enthusiastic about the College Course . . . favorite subject, Mr. Spencer's Latin classes . . . member of Literary Staff, National Honor Society, J. W. C., Play Reading Committee . . . enjoys Braves baseball games and Saturday football games . . . next year, teachers college.



MYRNA RICHARDSON

Next year "Pinkie" will attend a school which will prepare her for a career as a hair stylist . . . her favorite sports are bowling and rollerskating . . . enjoys typing . . . will remember Miss Batchelder's English classes . . . faithful to Rainbow.



CORINNE A. RIGHTMYER

"Cora" plans a career in the Women's Air Force, then marriage . . . likes baseball, skating, bowling, and boys . . . favorite subject is practical math . . . will never forget Miss Cox's English class or the red chair.



JEANETTE ROBBINS

"Jeannie" . . . cute 'n' petite . . . next year it's the University of Massachusetts for this gal . . . active member of the Baton Squad, J.W.C., literary and business staffs of the Pioneer . . . votes dancing and chemistry tops . . . remembers her friends at R.H.S.



FRANKLIN RODGERS

"Shorty" hopes to be an architect . . . will go to G.E. as an apprentice craftsman for night classes . . . member of the National Honor Society . . . reserved, quiet . . . interested in scale models, doodling, cars.



NANCY RODGERS

Nan . . . baton twirler with lots of pep . . . active in J.W.C. and Pioneer Business Staff . . . will long remember the Sophomore Hop in 1950 . . . favors history, dancing, and football games . . . future plans include junior college.



WAYNE ROLLINS

"Red's" activities include De-Molay and baseball . . . claims his favorite subject is Physics . . . will never forget Spanish II . . . plans to be an engineer . . . it will be either Tufts or Northeastern for "Red" next year.



ALLAN RUDERMAN

"Rudy" . . . future plans include the Navy . . . main ambition — to own a chain of stores . . . football, card games, and cars are tops with Rudy . . . favorite subject is Mr. Crowley's Math A . . . will never forget the Red Chair.



ALBERT F. RUNGE

Albie . . . dynamic star and Rocket captain on the gridiron . . . outstanding in baseball and basketball . . . enjoyed homeroom with Cal . . . won't forget Mr. Crowley's mocking . . . it's either prep school or the Navy next year for Al.



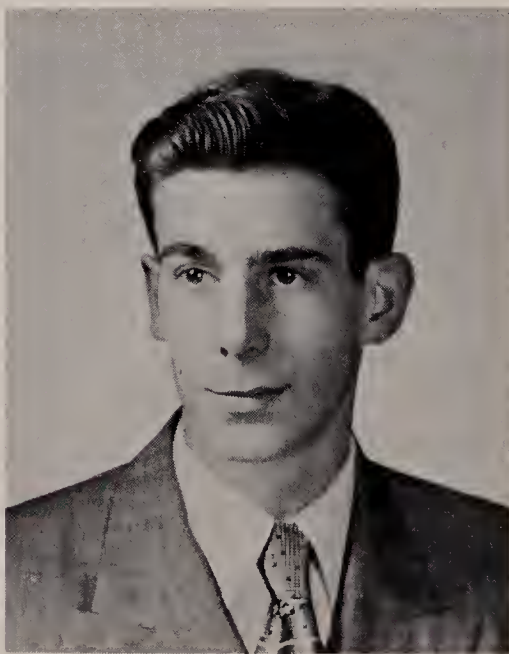
DAVID SCHURMAN

Ambitious Dave . . . a familiar figure in the chem lab . . . plans to attend M.I.T. and hopes to become a chemical engineer . . . active in the Senior Play, DeMolay, and Pioneer Staff . . . won't forget those debates with Mr. Hanlon.



JOSEPH R. RUSHTON

Ship ahoy for Joe . . . a career in the Navy . . . says he will retire in Hawaii . . . fascinated by airplanes . . . a T.V. Red Sox fan . . . member of Senior Play Technical Crew . . . enjoyed history discussions, Mr. Crowley's math classes.



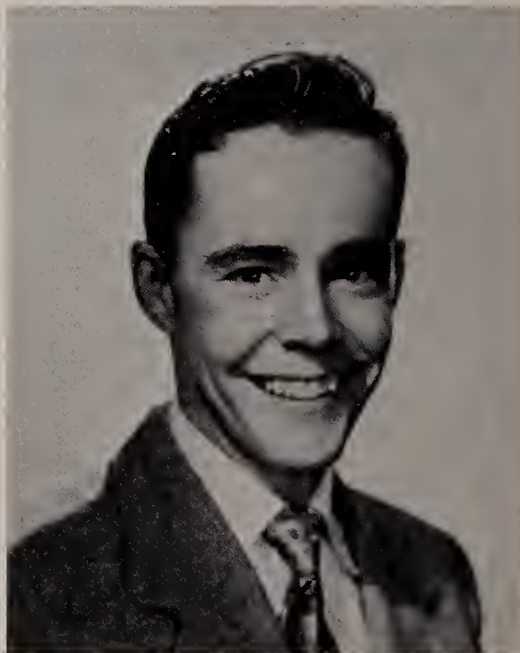
RICHARD SECORD

Friendly Dick, plans to attend Tufts next year . . . was a member of the Senior Executive Board, Pioneer Staff, baseball team, and DeMolay . . . claims Physics as his favorite subject . . . good luck to this future dentist.



RICHARD SCHOFIELD

"Dick" . . . a faithful member of the Band . . . calls Mr. Crowley's seventh-period math class his favorite memory . . . Dick's interests and hobbies center around hot rods and related publications . . . next year's plans include working as a carpenter.



RALPH E. SELLARS, JR.

"Skip" . . . that boy with jet black eyes . . . will long remember math with Mr. Baker . . . member of DeMolay . . . chief interests include shop work, cars, Band, and N.H. . . . hopes to attend Wentworth and become an engineer.



HARRIET J. SMITH

A sparkling smile and a sweet disposition belong to "Jo" . . . aspires to be a receptionist after business school . . . votes Consumer Ed. and Mr. Weigel's Chorus as tops . . . program girl and active member of J.W.C.



WILLIAM SMITH

"Smitty" will be a truck driver . . . hopes eventually to become a mechanic . . . fifth-period study a favorite memory . . . outdoors man . . . enjoys hunting, fishing, hockey . . . of all his subjects, he found shop most interesting.



RUTH STILES

"Ruthie" . . . cute, artistic . . . activities include Rainbow, J.W.C., Pioneer, Senior Play . . . Miss Roy's Art II is her favorite subject . . . lunch period in Room 10 will long be remembered . . . next year, nurse's training at Lowell General Hospital.



CALVIN W. STURGE

Good looks, a winning smile describe "Cal" . . . DeMolay officer . . . football fan . . . home-room is rated tops . . . the ministry his ambition . . . favorite memories include Coach Crowley's mocking . . . "Cal" will be an asset to Southern Methodist University.



DONALD SURDAM

"Soy" . . . a solid man on the grid and hoop squads . . . firmly determined to possess his own new car . . . Mr. Crowley's mocking will be long remembered . . . he intends to enlist in the Air Force.



HELEN SWENSON

Helen . . . our cute little nurse of the future . . . claims history and biology tops . . . Pioneer and J.W.C. member . . . will remember Mr. Bennett's history class and a certain Hallowe'en . . . we predict nothing but success for Helen.



LAURENCE G. TAYLOR

Larry . . . will be a P.G. here next year . . . then on to college . . . reading makes his free time fly . . . a quiet member of '53 . . . spent enjoyable hours in geometry class . . . has his mind set on becoming a scientist.



WILLARD B. TUCKER, JR.

A future sportscaster via the University of New Hampshire . . . Bill won't forget Ancient History with Mr. Bennett . . . Student Council, Band, DeMolay, Traffic Squad, Senior Play, and athletics shared in this versatile lad's activities.



GLORIA THIBAUT

The tennis pro . . . Gloria . . . also enjoys ice-skating . . . may attend evening classes at Malden Business School . . . ambition, a good office position . . . Consumer Education is Gloria's favorite subject . . . J.W.C., being Mrs. Wadsworth's secretary, kept her busy.



EVELYN URQUHART

Evie's going to Florida next year . . . ambition, to travel around the world in her private plane . . . likes skating, dancing, and driving her dad's car . . . enjoys typing . . . favorite memories, Mr. Crowley and C. R. during lunch.



NANCY L. TOWLE

Industrious Nan . . . enjoys skiing, horse-back riding, swimming, traveling, and hiking . . . favorite subject is chemistry . . . Nan remembers algebra with Mr. Crowley . . . plans to work for a year before entering nurse's training . . . Nan's ambition is to run an orphanage.



MARGARET T. VASEY

"Peg" . . . our "Elsie" in the Senior Play . . . claims history as her favorite subject . . . plans to attend Lowell School of Nursing . . . likes dancing and skating . . . Peg will long remember those Senior Play rehearsals with Mr. Spencer.



JOHN A. VENUTI

Johnny . . . a success in the Shop Course, which is his favorite . . . hunting, fishing and mechanics are his interests . . . backfiring of cars during the sixth lunch period, Johnny's memory . . . plans to attend Middlesex Agricultural College next year.



ROBERT M. WARREN

Tall, blond Bob . . . member of Senior Executive Board and football squad . . . enjoys dancing — especially with one particular girl . . . likes math, won't forget Mr. Roewer's Spanish I . . . ambition, to become an engineer by way of Lowell Textile.



BARBARA ANN WATSON

Barb . . . a quiet and reserved member of our class . . . who revealed a wonderful personality to her friends . . . typing was Barb's favorite subject . . . her ambition is to be a secretary . . . best wishes to a swell girl.



CYNTHIA A. WEIR

Cute . . . quiet . . . Cyn liked bookkeeping and Coach Crowley's math classes . . . plans to attend Wilfred Academy and eventually become a hairdresser . . . driving and dancing especially interest Cyn . . . Play committees and J.W.C. kept her busy.



LILLIS WELLINGTON

A pretty girl with a sparkling personality . . . took part in the Senior Play . . . served on the Play Reading Committee . . . active in Rainbow, Baton Squad, girls' basketball . . . she will remember her many friends . . . next year, junior college.



ERIC WELLS

Work in the Midwest beckons Eric . . . wishes to own a 1953 Mercury by '55 . . . cars are his real interest . . . enjoys hockey . . . will recall Miss Batchelder's English class . . . prominent member of Reading Road Dusters.



ROY WHITE, JR.

Future member of the Armed Services . . . avows his ambition simply — "to lead a happy and successful life" . . . Roy is a hardy disciple of outdoor sports, plans to utilize his shop talents in the future.



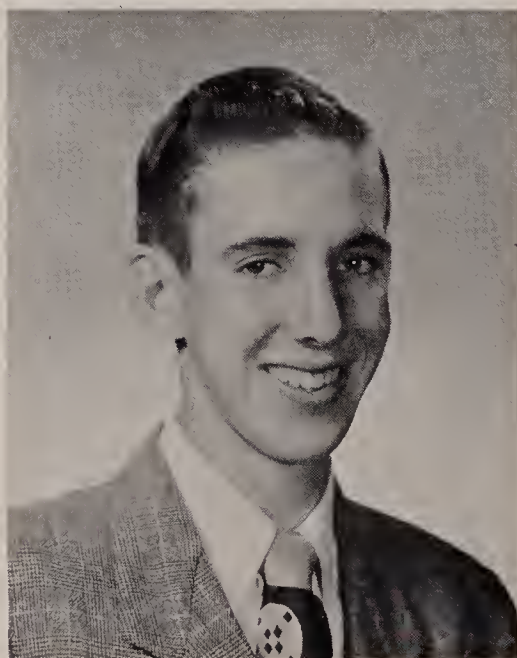
ELAINE WOODS

Member of the Student Council . . . took the Business Course . . . dark-eyed Elaine will enter Comp-tometer School next fall . . . her hobbies include ice-skating, driving, and dancing . . . among her memories, Miss Drury's seventh-period class.



ELEANOR WILLIAMS

Quiet and pretty . . . "Billie" . . . ambition — to graduate . . . dancing and ushering for the football games were among "Billie's" activities . . . favorite subject, history . . . will always remember homeroom periods . . . next year will find her at Malden Business School.



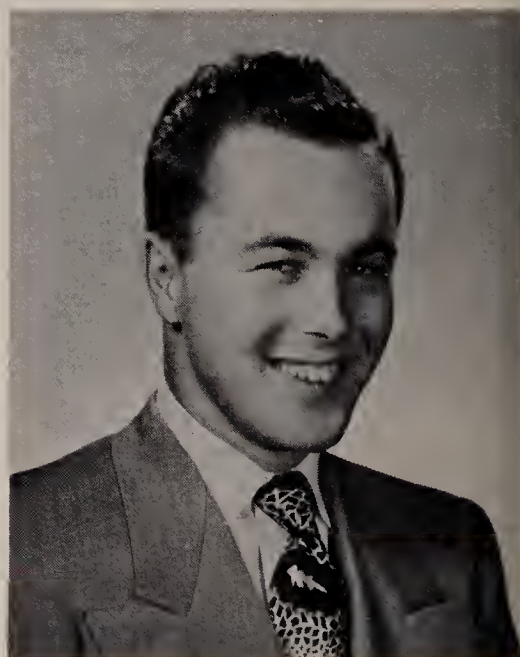
J. RICHARD WRIGHT

Lanky Dick . . . hopes to attend Dartmouth or Tufts and become an electrical engineer . . . De-Molay, baseball team, Pioneer Staff and Senior Play account for much of his time . . . unbelievable to some, but true, trigonometry entralls him.



GEORGE WOODLEE JR.

That streak of a blue Mercury is probably "Woodie" . . . he slows down to play football and baseball . . . votes algebra as favorite subject, but we think it's girls . . . next year the Marines will claim this reservist.



DONALD ZANNI

With a ready smile . . . Don . . . always has been interested in trucks . . . hopes to have his own trucking concern . . . participated in football . . . will remember Mr. Hanlon . . . and the comments from the back of the history class.

THADDEUS W. ALLEN

After prep school, Thad just wants to get rich . . . he is one of the three seniors returned from the Marines . . . partial to California clothes . . . the flashier the better . . . he will never forget Mr. Bronner's classes.

WILLIAM HARVEY

Bill . . . one of our quiet classmates . . . hopes to own a farm after his stay in the Navy . . . his hobbies, hunting, fishing, and hockey, occupy his time . . . enjoyed science and Mr. Crowley's joking with the football team.

CHARLES RICHARDSON

High wages, interesting work . . . to find those would be Utopia for Charlie . . . favorite sport is football . . . enjoyed Latin with Mr. Spencer . . . Charlie will never forget the "fast-moving" line in the R.H.S. cafeteria.

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A good, solid foundation.



This house had to give way to the new auditorium.



Mr. Hanlon points out the view from the prospective History Department.



During the fall the ground was cleared and leveled.



Looking down toward the site of the gym.



The woodmen spared that tree.



Preliminary construction.



At this stage, staging.



Looking toward the future main entrance.

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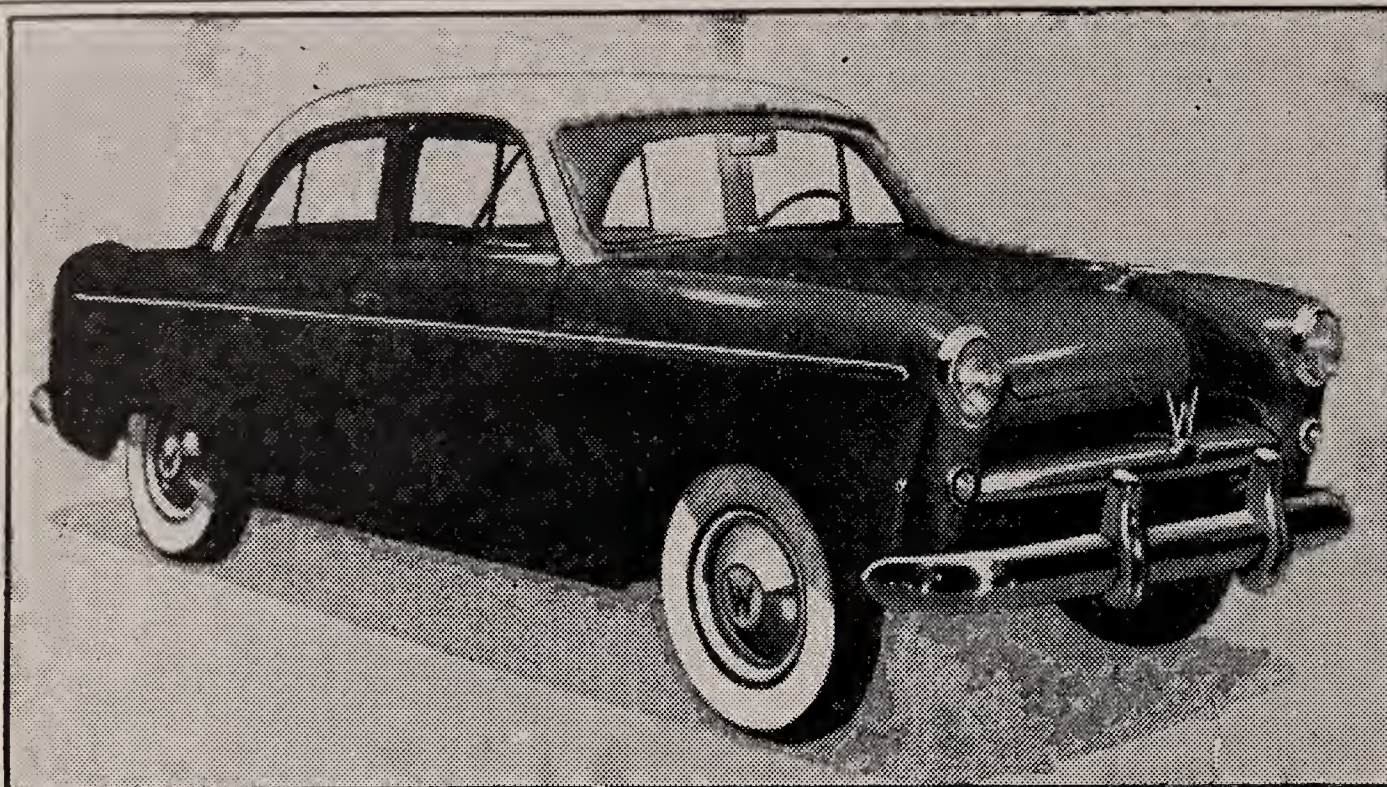
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